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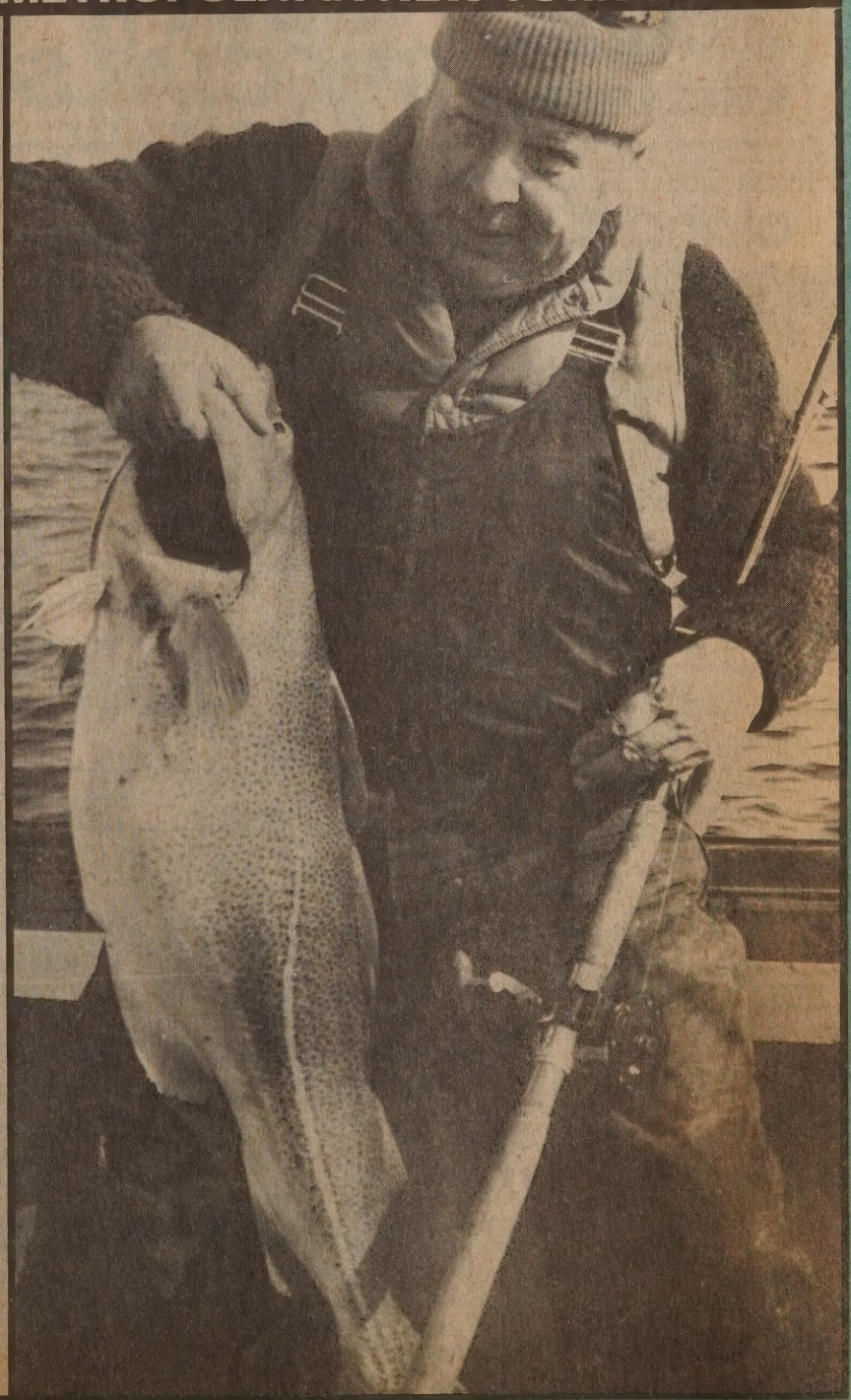

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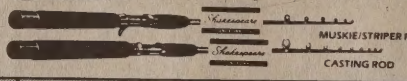

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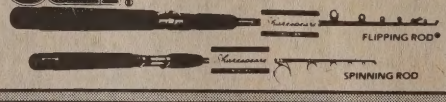

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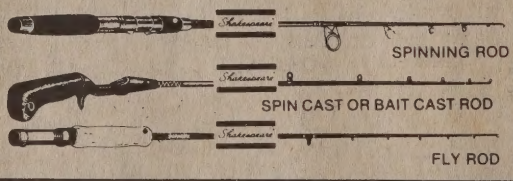

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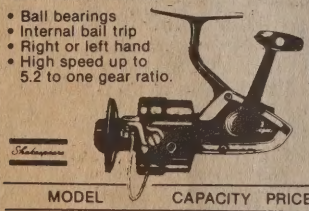

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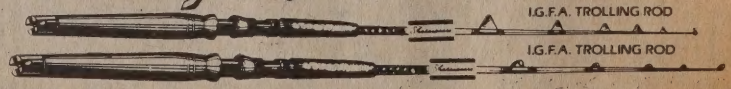

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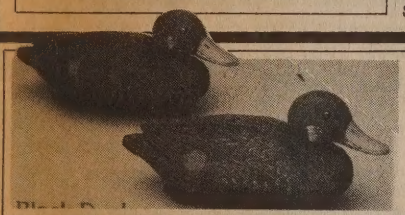

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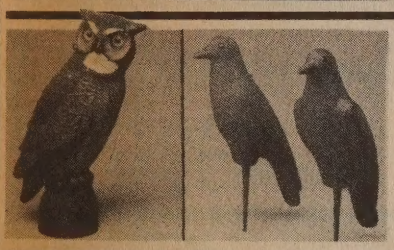

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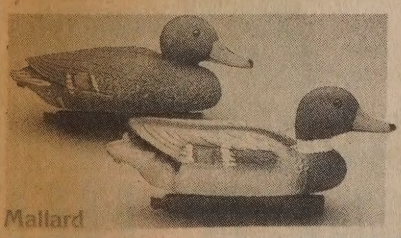

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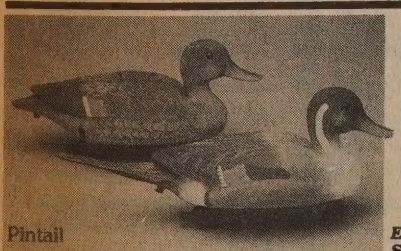

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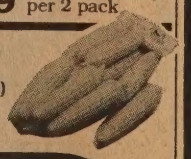

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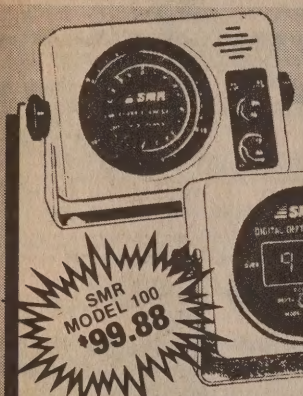

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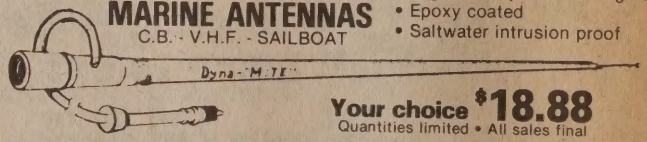

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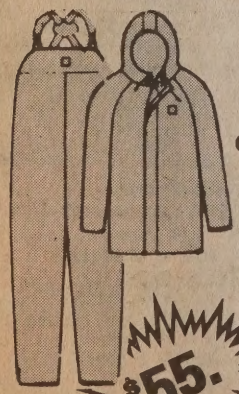

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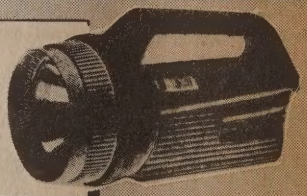

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Located directly off the crystal palace awaits a spectacular world of boating: the 1987 New York National Boat Show. More than 1,000 sail and power boats and thousands of marine accessories will fill the entire main floor of the convention center. Altogether, the show will equal the size of more than 6½ football fields.

Powerboats, ranging in size from 7 to over 50 feet, will be exhbited throughout the convention center. Small runabouts, sport fishing boats, convertibles, high performance racers, trawlers and motor yachts will fill the gigantic hall.

For those who prefer to "breeze" their way along the water, the 1987 National Boat Show will feature sailboat designs for the entry level or experienced sailor. The sailboat contingent will consist of racers, cruisers, catamarans, sailboards and the very latest in sailing accessories. Additionally, a host of sailing schools will be exhibiting at the show. Visitors will be able to register on the spot for sailing lessons.

The 1987 marine extravaganza will feature even more. The world's oldest boat show will overflow with thousands of marine accessories. Marine enthusiasts will have the chance to see the best of everything for 1987, from the very latest in state-of-the-art electronics to "what's new" in marine hardware.

Of course, every attendee's favorite stop—the Marine Mart—will once again be up and running. Boat show visitors will be able to purchase personalized clothing, jewelry, gift items and more, and carry them home the very same day.

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Show times are Saturdays, January 3 and 10, 10AM to 10PM; Monday through Friday, January 5 to 9, Noon to 10PM. Admission is $7 for adults; $3 for children.

The New York National Boat Show is producd by the National Marine Manufacturers Association.

LAKE TROUT SPAWN IN LAKE ONTARIO

Hope for the eventual restoration of lake trout in Lake Ontario received a boost from the capture of 75 lake trout fry this past spring by a team of scientists from the New York Department of Environmental Conservation, federal agencies, and Cornell University. The trapping of the 75 fry plus the capture of a single fry in the spring of 1983 have provided the first indications of successful lake trout spawning in Lake Ontario since the 1950s.

Formerly abundant lake trout had almost completely disappeared from Lake Ontario by the early 1960s following years of overfishing, sea lamprey predation, and declining water quality.

It is believed that the recently collected fry were offspring from previous plants of hatchery-reared lake trout which have been stocked annually as yearlings since 1973 by New York, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Ontario fisheries agencies. The survival of the stocked lake trout has increased in recent years as a result of successful lamprey control efforts on 44 tributary streams in New York and Canada as well as by greater investment in pollution control facilities.

Unfortunately, evidence to date indicates (as also suspected for Lake Michigan lake trout stocks) that too few of the stocked yearlings in Lake Ontario survive over the 5 to 6 years required to attain sexual maturity. Consequently, scientists directing the recovery program are calling on anglers to voluntarily release all adult lake trout they may catch in order to enhance lake trout brood stocks.

As with Shakespeare's observation that "one swallow does not a summer make," the capture of 75 lake trout fry does not presage immediate recovery of the Lake Ontario lake trout fishery. However, the event offers strong encouragement to redouble ongoing efforts in this regard.

SCOTT HONORED BY FISHING LEGENDS

The greatest names in American sport fishing recently honored a living legend.

Ray Scott, President and founder of the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society, headquartered in Montgomery, Alabama, was presented a handsome plaque at a noon luncheon in conjunction with the American Tackle Manufacturers annual Trade Show in Dallas.

The award, sponsored by Humminbird of Eufaula, Alabama, came as a result of a vote taken of 102 of America's greatest fishing figureheads.

Scott was honored as the individual making the most significant contributions to the sport of fishing over the past two decades.

The "Living Legends of American Sport Fishing" were created as a result of a book written by Humminbird's greatest fishing personalities.

The award took Scott by surprise. "I thought I knew everything going on in the fishing industry" was his first response. "This is a most pleasant surprise and the finest honor I've ever received," commented Scott.

The Bass Anglers Sportsman Society, founded by Scott in 1967, has grown to become the largest, organized fishing association in the world. Sponsoring professional bass tournaments, B.A.S.S. has paid in excess of $9 million in prize money. Scott's organization has launched the careers of scores of professional anglers and has elevated the interest in bass fishing around the world.

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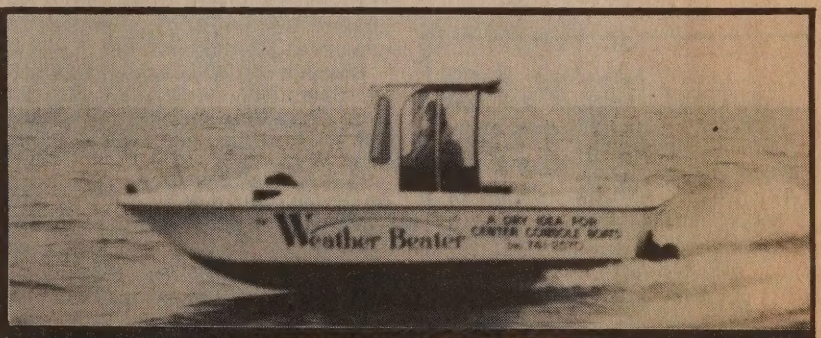

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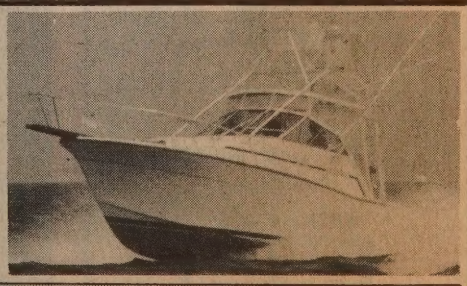

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VIDEOS FOR FISHERMEN

by Tom Schlichter

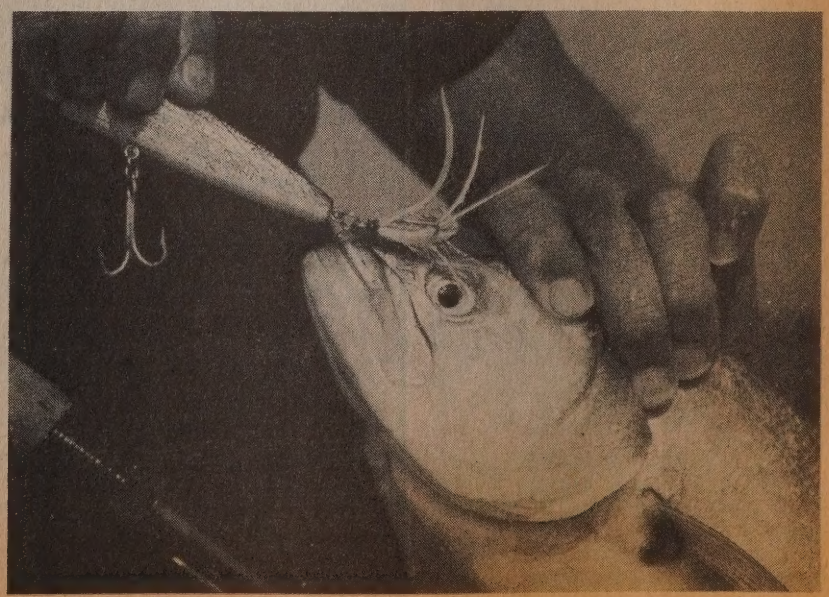
With the increasing popularity of video cassette recorders, it hasn't taken long for fishing orientated tapes to hit the stands. While most video rental shops that I've stopped at have yet to stock more than a few of these clips, there are a substantial number of tapes available that could be of interest to local anglers. Most of these fall into one of three categories: instructional, informational, or promotional. Some tapes, of course, combine two or even all three elements. In this and an upcoming review, we'll take a look at some which I feel are among the most interesting and useful to local anglers. The following tapes were supplied for review by J&J Bait and Tackle, Patchogue, New York and Saltwater Sportsman Video Library, Salt Water Sportsman, 186 Lincoln St., Boston, MA 02111.

Bluefish on Light Tackle: Presented by Scientific Anglers/3M, Leisure Time Products, 3M Center, St. Paul, MN 55144. Copyright 1984. Running time: 60 minutes.

Part of the *Salt Water Sportsman Video Library*, this tape is a solid presentation of basic ocean bluefishing tactics. Filmed off Nantucket Island, MA, it features Salt Water Sportsman Magazine staffers Rip Cuningham and Spider Andresen, who offer over 40 years of combined experience and advice while hauling monster sized blues from some pretty torrid waters.

The photography is first rate and shots of slammer blues surfing through the Nantucket rips and slamming surface plugs time and again will quickly raise the blood pressure of even experienced fishermen. A good deal of time is spent in the beginning of this video explaining how to locate productive water and this is visually reinforced as the anglers set up shop just outside a strong rip. Throughout the video, Andresen and Cunningham explain thoroughly how to read the water, select the right tackle for various conditions, and how to use that tackle most effectively when a big blue is straining at the end of the line. Additionally, the pair lend advice as to how to alter lures to facilitate catch and release tactics. Special knots and rigging to prevent breakoffs when large fish and rough waters come together are also demonstrated. The advantages of baitcasting, spinning, fly rods and wire line outfits are each considered.

Anatomy of a Trout Stream: Pre-



sented by Scientific Anglers/3M, Leisure Time Products, 3M Center, St. Paul, MN 55144. Running time: 60 minutes.

A tape of interest to beginning fly fishermen and experts alike, *Anatomy of a Trout Stream* features aquatic biologist Rick Hafele who does a superlative job of stepping the viewer through the daily routine of the trout. This video explores the different types of water in which trout may feed and the manner in which changing conditions affect their feeding habits. Hafele also closely examines the various forms of insect life that hatch throughout the season, taking care to explain the ramifications of different hatches on the feeding activity of trout. For the angler, being able to see up close the different types of insect larvae and the patterns used to imitate them provides great insight into the basic theories of fly fishing.

Gently interwoven amongst the facts of trout and insect life are helpful hints on proper presentation, selection of various floating and sinking lines, determining leader length and selecting patterns. Emphasis is on fishing caddis, Dunns and streamers.

I've been fly fishing on and off for about 8 years now with a fair amount of success and still learned a considerable amount from this tape. In fact, I'm convinced that the better understanding of stream and river fishing I gained from this tape is bound to increase my success next time out.

Sportsman's Workbench—Knots: A Marine Advisory Associates, Ltd Production; Copyright 1984; Salt Water Sportsman Video Library, Salt Water Sportsman, 186 Lincoln St., Boston, MA 02111. Running time: 27 minutes.

A necessary tape for the beginner and a good tape for experienced anglers who intend to experiment with light tackle, *Sportsman's Workbench: Knots*, covers 8 knots which should help get anglers through almost any fishing situation. Featuring Salt Water Sportsman staffers Rip Cunningham and Barry Gibson, this video demonstrates the Improved Clinch Knot, Palomar Knot, Uni Knot System, Bimini Twist, Spider Hitch and Offshore Swivel Knot.

Short and sweet, the hosts get right down to the business at hand, explaining each step in easy to understand terms and demonstrating on camera the proper technique for tying each knot. The beauty of this video is that by using the pause mechanism on your VCR to stop the tape from time to time, it's easy to tie each knot step by step as it is being displayed on the tube. If you mess up, simply hit rewind and start over. It's like having an instructor right in your own home.

In addition to demonstrating each knot, this video also explains the difference between class lines, regular monofilament lines and the way in which knot efficiency affects line strength.

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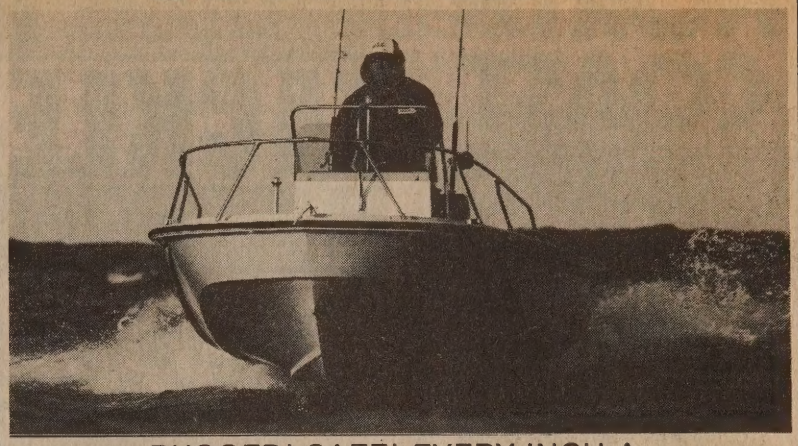

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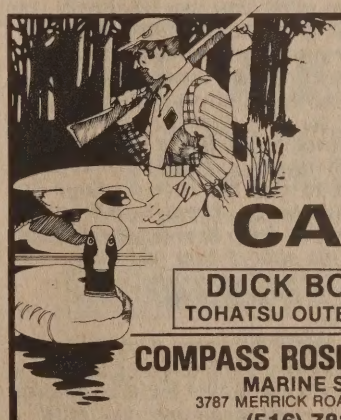

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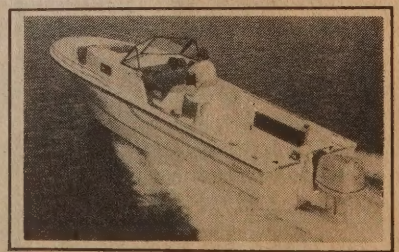

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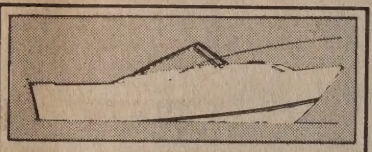

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THE TACKLE DOCTOR

by Russ Wilson

Dear Doc,
I've been reading your column for almost two years and enjoy it immensely. Some of the questions readers ask apply to me, but so far I've not seen anyone requesting an answer to one minor problem that has plagued me for years. Why does the leader wrap around the front hook on a swimming plug when I am casting? This may not seem like much, but at $4 to $6 a pop for plugs, it does become very aggravating each time I spot a bass or blue working on bait and try to toss the plug only to have it tangle. And, to make matters worse, often the leader will wrap the hook and then a bluefish will bite it off.
Is there a solution to my problem or is it something I'll have to live with?
Dick Johnson.

Dear Dick,
From what you say I'd guess you are using a heavy shock leader between your line and lure. You don't mention if you are also using a snap, but I'd almost bet you are. That snap could be the culprit. Large snaps make changing plugs a lot easier but they do have a built-in trait of causing the line to wrap the hook on plugs. Try tying the leader direct to the lure or use a small snap to make the connection. This should cure your ills.

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Dear Doc,
I've got a problem with the roller that controls the line going on to my reel. It always hangs up and is worthless. It was designed to allow a smooth retrieve, but when it binds (and it always does) the line goes onto the spool evenly, but if there is a fish taking drag, it comes off jerky and will occasionally snap because of the excessive pressure.
What's the cure, if any?
Timothy Sullivan.

Dear Tim,
We tried several different greases and found some will delay the binding of the roller and others that just wash off the first time we use the reel. To date, our best results have been noticd when using a graphite base grease on the bar that the roller rests upon. Coat the bar (shaft) with a thin film of the graphite and then slide the roller back into position. Tighten the retaining nut and your problem should be solved.
We might add, however, that there is no long term solution to this problem. You must keep the reel clean, greased and in good working condition to get the full benefits it was designed to provide.

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Dear Doc,
I will be buying a lot of new fishing equipment during the off season and have a couple of questions you might be able to answer. I'd like to get a couple of spinning reels that have the ultra fast retrieve feature to use when I am deep jigging for bluefish with diamond jigs. I feel the faster retrieve will enable me to crank the jigs up from bottom faster than when I use the standard 3 or 4 to 1 ratio reels. Is there any drawback to using this type reel? Also, I want to buy a couple of conventional reels for deep water codfishing. I have looked at the narrow spool models and also at some of the wide spool jobs and cannot decide which is best suited to the kind of fishing I hope to be doing next season. Which style reel do you feel is best for deep water fishing? And, finally, I really want to get a couple trolling rods that will be used for trolling blues, bass, school tuna, albacore and whatever else can be caught from ocean waters 10 to 30 miles off the beach. What is your suggestion for these trolling rods and should they have ring or roller type guides?
Seymour Hyman.

Dear Seymour,
The fast retrieve reels do allow you to pick up line a lot faster than any of the standard 3 or 4 to 1 models. They do, however, have some drawbacks in that the faster retrieve makes it harder for the angler to crank in line when he is fighting a big fish. A 6 or 7 to 1 retrieve reel, for instance, takes in line so fast that when the fish pulls you just cannot exert enough pressure to gain line. With a slower retrieve reel you can pump and gain a lot easier. But, with a slower retrieve you will certainly lose the ability to work those jigs at flank speed. It is a matter of compromise which you must personally choose.
We've used both the narrow and wide spool conventional reels when fishing for codfish, pollock and white hake in deep waters and prefer the wide spool. This is strictly a personal choice. We've known a lot of real

good codfishermen who will use only the narrow spool reels because they do not have to worry about putting the line onto the spool evenly and also for the lighter weight of the narrow frame model. Again, pick your poison, for each person has his or her own personal preference.

There is no doubt the 20 pound class trolling rod is your best all around choice for the kind of trolling you wish to do next season. A 20 will allow you to enjoy the fight of a big blue or bass and is certainly not too overpowering to be used when trolling spoons, feathers or cedar plugs for false albacore, bonito or schoolie bluefins. If you can purchase only two rods I'd say your best bet is to go with rollers rather than the ring type guides.

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Dear Doc,

I plan on doing a lot of winter flounder fishing this year and would like some information on hooks, rigs and tackle that meets the criteria for this kind of fishing. I've been fishing saltwater (blues, stripers, weakies and other inshore species) and am also an avid freshwater angler, but know absolutely nothing about fishing for winter flounder. Any help you can provide is greatly appreciated. *Albert Anderson.*

Dear Albert,

What you request takes in a lot of territory. Most every successful fisherman we've known had his or her own views as to what constitutes the best equipment for a specific kind of fish and in some cases, their opinions were worlds apart. But, for whatever it's worth, we use a regular two hook rig when fishing for winter flounder in Atlantic coastal waters. The hooks we prefer are medium shank Mustad #3498A Pacific bass hooks in a number 8 or 10. We've also had excellent results when using a Kirby style hook which has a much shorter shank. The English wide bend style is gaining popularity among flounder fishermen also, but we tend to go with the other models because the wide bend is hard to remove from fish when our fingers are numb from the cold.

Most of the popular flounder hooks are sold singly or as part of a ready made rig at many shore area tackle shops. Why not buy a few and pick those that best suit your particular needs.

The majority of winter flounder you are going to catch will not weigh more than 2 lbs. Go with tackle that will allow these pint size flatties to put up a struggle, but still maintain enough reserve power to handle sinkers of up to 3 or 4 ounces. We've had excellent results when using plug casting equipment of the type that is favored by freshwater bass fishermen. A spinning outfit of like proportions should also prove satisfactory when matched with a mid-size reel and lines testing 6, 8 or 10 pound.

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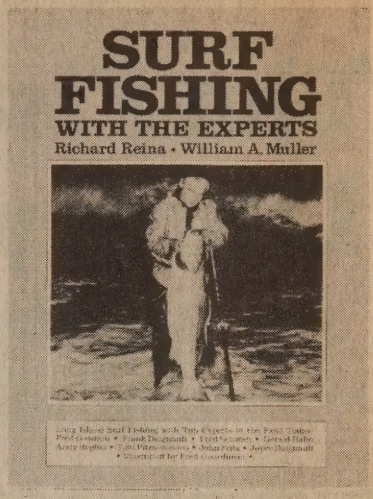

Finally, a surf book that lays bare all the nitty gritty secrets that help to explain why ten percent of the fishermen catch 90% of the fish! Although this book was authored mainly by Long Island Surf fishermen, there's much more to this book than a discussion of Long Island Surf fishing. Do you like to fish the beaches at Cape Cod, or have you dreamed of fishing there? Well then, this book has just what you need; a chapter devoted to the hows, whys, and whens or Cape Cod surf fishing by Frank Daignault. Perhaps Montauk is the spot that makes your blood boil. Yes, there's a chapter especially about this famous surf fishing spot too, authored by Fred Schwab whose been a "regular" there for about twenty years. The book is loaded with how-to chapters about gear you'll need to get started, casting techniques, the effect of winds, tides, and moon phases on surf fishing, how to use artificials and when, bait rigs and baitfishing techniques, as well as informative chapters about the history of surf fishing, how to start a surf fishing club, and how to successfully release fish. All of these chapters and more cover information and techniques that work on all beaches. This surf fishing book offers another bonus. Although a lot of attention is given to fishing for bass, blues, and weaks, there are also sections on surf fishing for fluke, flounder, blackfish (tautog), mackerel, whiting, kingfish, and porgies (scup). Most surf fishing books ignore these species, but not this book, because we know how many surf fishermen like to catch these fish for fun and the table. And ladies, we haven't forgotten you either, More and more women are enjoying surf fishing. We asked Joyce Daignault to write a chapter on this facet of the sport since she's spent many hours in the suds on many beaches. Her comments are provocative but right on target. There's more too, but discover it for yourself, such as illustrations by Fred Guardineer. L.I.F. Publishing, 252 pages, photos and illustrations.

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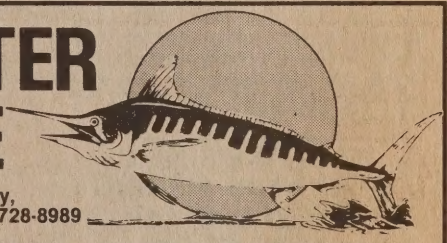

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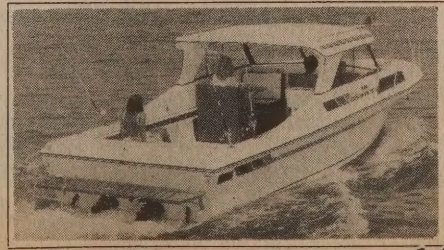

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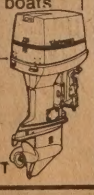

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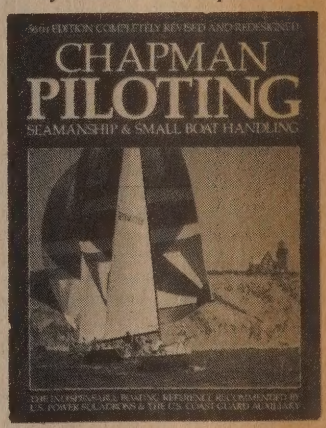

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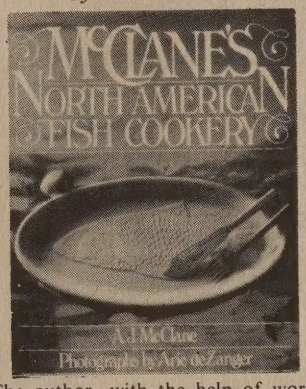

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THE SINKING OF A BARGE

by Chester S. Zawacki

The author is a Marine Resources Specialist with the New York Department of Environmental Conservation.

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has been working actively since 1967 on the building of a major artificial reef offshore of Atlantic Beach, Nassau County. Originally a joint cooperative project between the Federal Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife (Sandy Hook Marine Lab) and the NYS Department of Conservation, the reef area was originally chosen to be a demonstration site for the use of auto bodies as reef substrate. Over the years, often operating without any capital construction budget, the DEC has taken advantage of opportunities to add select materials to this reef. Many wood and steel barges and the "Fran S," the tug swamped in Jones Inlet several years ago, have been placed at the site near the R4 bell buoy.

The reef seasonally provides good to excellent fishing for blackfish, red hake (ling), mackerel and bluefish. Divers also report good lobstering on structures found at the 60 to 65 foot depths of the reef.

On October 17, 1986 the fish and lobster populations on the Atlantic Beach reef were offered another steel barge around which to congregate. On this day, Captain Robert Richard of Point Lookout donated his 100 foot steel work barge to the fishermen and divers of New York State. I was along as an observer for the DEC on this project.

Bob Richard, a retired captain for Pan American Airlines, has been active for over 15 years in many aspects of the DEC-sponsored artificial reef program. This particular barge had been moored behind his Point Lookout home for several years prior to its donation to the State of New York. Bob is a self-taught expert at the task of towing and sinking barges. His many skills include marine salvage, demolition, diving, marine engineering, crane operation, towing and search and rescue. His calm manner inspires confidence in those who have watched him perform the task of gingerly moving a 250 ton mass of steel away from a bulkhead and then threading this unwieldy object between pilings and moored boats. Mistakes in this business can prove dangerous and very costly. His 60 foot tug, the "Omega," formerly the "New York State Reef Builder," is powered by a compressed air start diesel which by design has no neutral. Each change of direction requires an air restart which complicates and delays each maneuver. On this particular day, a full moon flood tide threatened to swing the barge into a neighbor's moored skiffs. To Captain Richard, this only added to the adventure. Bob, however, was equal to the task on what were probably his last efforts in the artificial reef business. Ten minutes of excitement spent with deck lines and diesel torque and we were on our way out of a calm Jones Inlet.

Towing a barge with a luxurious growth of blue mussels and hydroids on sides and bottom requires patience. Three hundred RPM on the tachometer of the tug and three knots speed over ground on the Loran are what one sees for hours on such a trip. Each sinking of a vessel is exciting because every one is different. This one was markedly different because it involved the dumping of a deck crane prior to the barge sinking. According to the scientific theory of reef devel-

opment, leaving the crane on deck could have achieved a higher profile and thus have created a more attractive reef for pelagic fish such as mackerel and bluefish. However, the Army Corps permit issued to the DEC for the Atlantic Beach site requires a minimum of 40 foot clearance at mean low water. This meant that the extra 15 foot of crane profile had to be removed. Captain Richard choreographed the event to allow the sinking barge to list severely enough so that the crane could topple off the deck just before the barge capsized.

At the reef site the barge was anchored on all four sizes. A "plywood patch," covering a pre-cut hole in the hull, was removed. The sinking was then initiated by pumping water into the hull. The weight of the water ballast eventually lowered the hull so that water freely entered the port. Despite hours of pumping and a severe list, the crane stuck tenaciously to the deck. After several seas lapped the deck and apparently greatly reduced the friction between the bearing surfaces, the crane, as calculated, toppled from the hull. The sinking barge was then allowed to drift approximately 125 feet to the west, reducing the possibility of the barge settling on the downed crane. The barge, freed of its heavy deck load, now required additional pumping of water on board to expedite the sinking.

I decided to leave the tug and join Bob in his 21 foot Whaler to pump the final gallons aboard. The Whaler was cleated to the barge with a thin rubber strap, and the additional pumping continued. At this point the excitement began. Bob's mate, Mr. Glenn Simmons, who was perched on the barge during the pumping, beat a hasty retreat to our boat. The barge was going down! As the barge began its slow slide to the bottom, we realized that the Whaler, and us, were still attached to it by the rubber strap. Fortunately, the bolted cleat sheared and we were freed to get an unanticipated and spectacular bird's-eye view of the last moments of the sinking. The fact that we did not follow the barge to the bottom was mute testimony to the stability and buoyancy of the Whaler, and to the luck of the now wide-eyed crew. Captain Bob calmly capped off the experience by describing the sinking in a phrase I won't soon forget: "Hours of boredom, punctuated by moments of sheer terror."

For those interested, the following particulars may prove useful:

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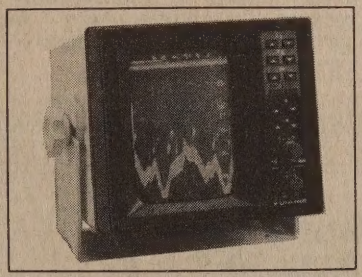

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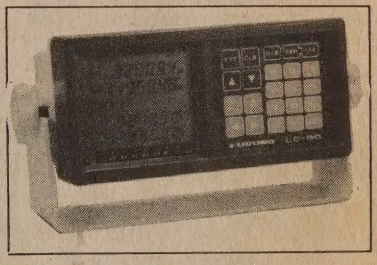

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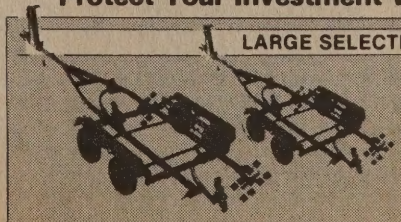

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by Matt Ahern

I lay in bed, a victim of "fishing" insomnia. I tossed. I turned. Sleep seemed as elusive as the hind side of the moon. For the umpteenth time I arose, went to the window and peered out into the inky black. A westerly zephyr-like breath of air stirred the leaves of the cherry trees in the garden. A sliver of the crescent moon hung in a blue-black, star-bright sky. Beautiful. There would be little difficulty anchoring over a wreck on such a promising day. And better yet, those expected humpback sea bass would surely bite.

I struck a match and checked the time. Midnight. Only midnight! Ye gads—the next four hours would be slow torture. But, whispered those ever-present fishing gods, they need not be. If I were quiet, I could dress and leave without disturbing the entire household. A leisurely stop at an all-night diner would work wonders. And, of course, I wouldn't mind awaiting daylight from the deck of a party boat. Why, if I felt so inclined, I could even while away the dark hours eel fishing, or something. Anything! Anything but this infernal lying in bed waiting for time to pass.

Sound familiar? I'm sure it does; especially so if you're an old hand at the fishing game.

I have now been in this fishing game 66 years, and throughout those 66 years I believe I've fretted and fumed every night before each planned trip as if it were my first. You'd think I'd learn. And the loss of sleep isn't all. The constant concern over the vagaries of weather and whether my favorite party boat rail spot would be occupied if I didn't hurry, are enough to wear any dedicated fisherman to a frazzle.

In the beginning of my fishing career, and as a fish-mesmerized youngster, I suffered this curse of insomnia along with the best of them. It was tougher for me perhaps, for, because of my tender years, I wasn't permitted to leave the house in the wee hours of the morning.

Veterans of the "good old days" remember the full bags of cod that were common aboard party boats.

As I sit before this typewriter, I am overwhelmed by such nostalgia. I am thinking back to a far place, a wondrous place. The longing for and the remembrances of those long-gone days of exuberant, glorious youth spent on the fishing scene are strong within me.

Life in this wondrous place was much different then; especially for a dedicated fisherman. Come with me for a few minutes. I'd like to give you an idea of what it was like to grow up and become a fisherman during those days of well over 50 years ago. That is, if you don't object to the gushings and ramblings of an old, beat-up fisherman.

I suppose one must be some kind of "nut" to be a fisherman. Over the years, many non-fishermen have told me this and I always scoffed at such banalities. But as I became older, I'm not so sure these fellows were all wrong. Let me give you my reason for this.

Those of you who read these weekly articles know party boat fishing has always been my first love. It remains so today—not that I shun all other fishing. Perish the thought! I'm a fisherman first, last, and always. I've turned down many wreck-fishing trips for sea bass and porgies for a crack at fluke or flounder, or whatever. I've even taken time out and dunked bait for killies. But as I say, party boat fishing is safely secured in one corner of my fishing heart. Therefore, it is not surprising that most remembrances are about party boats, their skippers, their doings, and the hell-bent-for-leather fishermen who frequented these boats.

Take the following incident as an example. I have before me one of my old record books; the year is 1928. To show how insane I was for party boat fishing even in those long gone days (I was only 13 then), let me quote a bit from it.

"Went codfishing February 12th on the Fidus from Canarsie. Caught seven cod and two ling, plus a million cunners (bergalls). Went with Artie Leidecker and Jimmy Anderson. Artie won the pool ($5) with a 12 lb. cod. We fished 17 Fathom Bank." (Even in those days, Artie was a tough guy to beat when codfishing.)

So far, all well and good, nothing spectacular in that report. But now to quote the part which shows the insanity of three young dedicated fishermen.

"...we arrived at dockside at 6:30, but didn't leave on the boat until 8:45. I thought we would have to go home on account of the fog, but lucky for us, it rained and drove the fog away."

The accusations of those non-fishermen is proved correct when we young fishermen considered ourselves lucky because "it rained and drove the fog away." Had it remained foggy a bit longer, we knew we would not go fishing. (No radar or other electronics those days.) The possibility of spending the day in rain and cold on a blustery winter sea meant

nothing in our young lives. As long as we were fishing! Ah, me.

But all this is not surprising. I can recall many days when I've sat in a leaky skiff, often with a downpour adding insult to injury. Or stiff from cold and encased in a mantle of snow when late fall flounder fishing (or codfishing) in December. (And if you're the dedicated fisherman I'm sure you are, you can recall such days, too.) But if the fish would bite, that's all I cared about. Truly, we fishermen must all be a bit daft. But I wouldn't change, even if it were possible to do so. What for? This "insanity" has brought me much happiness over the long haul.

And as kids, where did we learn much of our fishing knowledge? From our neighborhood old-time fishermen, of which our neighborhood abounded. As I've often said, these fellows were the elite of the bottom fishing clan. They were held in great respect by us youngsters. Hard-gained knowledge was cheerfully dispensed on request—if one didn't act the wise guy. Such fellows always got the short end of the stick.

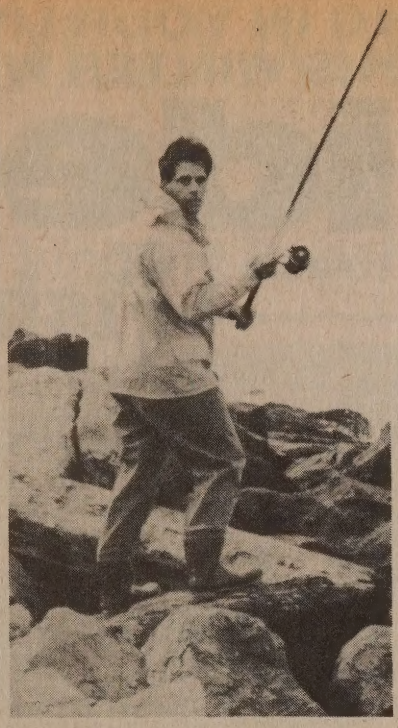
And some of these old-timers were truly ancient. I can easily recall old Pinky Troutman, who was a Civil War veteran. It was he who told stories of fishing during the days of sail (he also gave me several stories about the Gloucester fishing fleet, which I recopied years ago and plan to share with you this winter. They were truly the days of iron men and wooden ships!)

Mr. Troutman no longer fished, his position as grand totem, or whatever it is called, was never challenged by those "young whippersnappers" of 65 and 70. What he told was treated as gospel and though weak of voice even then, Mr. Troutman was always good for some rousing fish stories. How many of these stories were fancied flights of imagination, I don't know; nor do I care. But I can tell you this, there's a certain one-time knee pants kid now before this typewriter who was held spellbound by this old-timer's skillful weaving of a good story.

Whatever fishing knowledge I've gained over the years is due solely to a beginning nurtured by these old-timers. They set me straight (in more ways than one) and gave me a good shot on the rear end when I had it coming. I coveted this early knowledge as one would any sturdy stone on the rocky pathway to better fishing. And now? Now I have arrived at a position which suggests only that I have much to learn. Whoever said fishing was easy was no fisherman, believe me.

You know, fellers, I could go on and on, but space is at a premium. We'll add to this from time to time, but meanwhile, believe me when I say we fishermen are all brothers under the skin. We exist to help one another—not the other way around.

Think on it. Of such good things are good fishermen made.



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SOME OLD AND NEW COD TIPS

by Vincent Badame

Decades ago, cod anglers who used handlines and pool cue rods with old sidewinder reels filled with Irish linen thread (Matt Ahern and Captain Al Lindroth did) found cod under 20 lbs. so plentiful that most fishermen rarely returned home fishless. After all, those years were poor times for most. And party boat fishing was (and still is) a means to put food, sometimes the pool money too, on the family table.

Real soakers (cod over 40 lbs.) were cause to celebrate because Irish linen would often yield at the wrong time. Due to this problem, most pool cod ran between 10 and 30 pounds.

One reason why huge cod got tagged with the nickname "soaker" may be because many broken off hooks were left to dangle from yesteryear's huge cod. Setliners were the only fishermen who, by using trot lines that tested over 300 lbs., could regularly haul up larger cod.

Old techniques still produce cod, but there are newer tactics that pool sharpies use to put more fish on the deck. Besides newer methods, which we will get to shortly, it doesn't hurt to fish from those boats whose skippers know the areas that draw cod year after year. One way to search out good cod boats is by word of mouth from experienced cod vets. Another is to eyeball local party boats as they return. Their skippers frown on empty fish sacks, for they know patrons will most likely seek greener pastures on another boat next time.

Don't be shocked to find your favorite boat is filled to capacity three hours before departure! On some vessels this could be as early as 2AM if the fishing has been good. Regulars know better than to arrive late (especially on weekends) in order to claim their favorite spot. If possible, ask the skipper the day before your trip what type of bottom he will be fishing over. Will he be drifting? Rail position in this instance could make all the difference between no cod and a bountiful catch. The stern rails are for wreck fishing. It is difficult for any captain to anchor his craft completely over sunken wrecks in rough conditions. On calm days when fishing open bottom at anchor, I prefer the bow. We'll see why later.

Concerning equipment, take particular note of what type of fishing line I prefer for cod fishing. This detail, if overlooked, could hurt beginners and seasoned pros alike. Up until five years ago I used 40 pound monofilament. And lost some mighty big codfish while pumping them topside during the first minutes of hook-up. I just couldn't figure out why my larger cod were dropped. Was my drag too tight? Hooks too small/large? Perhaps not sharp enough? Finally, after questioning many anglers about why I dropped so many big cod, my own grandfather pointed out a fact which was forgotten since I started using monofilament in the 60s.

Irish linen would part yes, but few cod seldom broke free of the hook. The difference between present day monofilament and dacron in deep water situations is the stretch factor. Mono stretches more than dacron. This should tell you more hook setting force would be needed to drive hooks into the leathery-jaw codfish. Also, because of mono's stretch, there would be more of an elbow of line between you and your hooked cod. This gives the fish an added advantage to dislodge the hook. For five years now I've used either 36 or 50 test dacron for its low stretch factor. Twelve feet of 40 mono is added to its end so as not to spook the wiser cod away from my baited hook. Eleven pool fish in

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The author reveals some of the tactics employed by sharpies in the cod game.

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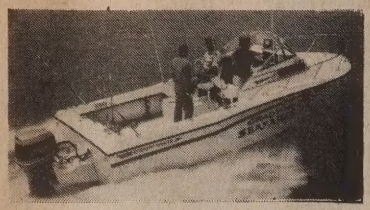

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the past two years is good enough reason for me to never use monofilament as my main line again.

Another reason I use a length of monofilament attached to the dacron is to be able to snap off a snagged sinker without hook and line loss. By lightly fraying the mono above the sinker with sand paper, you will weaken the line just enough so that your sinker will break off first.

A substantial outfit will allow you to control your fish. My own preference is Penn's metal spool 140 Squidder. This reel has a direct drive lever to make lowering/raising a stationary bottom rig easier. Penn Mariners have the same feature, but the old Squidder has more ratio power. A tip here on how to get more leverage from your Squidder is install either Garcia's 10,000 or Penn's standard 112 handle on your reel.

As for a rod, it should fall between 7 to 8 feet for party boat angling, have a beefy backbone with size 16 or over tips to handle 6 to 20 oz. sinkers, yet light enough to be held all day. This is ideal for west end waters, while Montauk is a whole different show altogether.

Being a custom rod crafter myself, more clients are realizing that hypalon is the wise choice for cod rods. It is warm when held and doesn't stay wet. Cork tape can loosen while fighting larger cod and it stays soaked! In winter, you must stay warm and dry to enjoy yourself while codfishing.

While on the subject of staying warm. Any angler who will be making regular treks offshore from November till February will need multi-layers of warm clothing. Besides the usual thermals, rain gear (Helly Hansen is one good brand) and boots to keep feet warm and dry, a wise investment is a snow suit which will keep you toasty-warm. Make sure the suit you purchase is waterproof. And has the newer Hollofil 808 insulation lining. This retains body heat which is important aboard ocean party boats in winter.

Back to rods, my own personal favorite cod stick starts with a white Lamiglas SB 121 5M blank. Add carboloy or Fuji conventional oxide guides (DHG), hypalon split grips and the all graphite hooded Fuji reel seat.

In the bait department, clam or conch are used most of the time. Pieces the size of a half dollar on a beak (or Sproat) 5/0 hook will nail average sized cod with quicker hook penetration. The big bait/big fish theory doesn't apply to codfish.

Before continuing, an important item about hooks: always sharpen them! Even factory fresh hooks are dull. Cod have leather-like jaws and you'll have difficulty setting the hook.

Since I've covered most of the basics, I'd like to share two tested tips that have proven to be "right on the money" by taking party boat pool fish for me.

From late November until sometime in early February, herring school up offshore. Cod, hake, and pollock feed on these baitfish. As most fishermen always want success, try whole herring or use as cut bait. Few party boats stock herring (mossbunker is good, too). So it's up to enterprising individuals to find this bait.

When using herring, the fresher it is, the better it will produce. Just before first light, or on the last two hours of incoming tide, herring flash throughout Jamaica Bay as they chase shrimp and spearing. They can be caught by jigging a rig similar to a mackerel tree. Tie a 2 oz. chrome diamond jig (minus tube tail) on 40 inches of 20 pound clear mono. Two feet above, attach Fox' 1/4 ounce Vibratail Tail in clear green. Use a dropper loop to add jig. A white shad dart will work, too. One foot above this add another jig. Finish off with small black barrel swivel to eliminate line twist. Now drop the jig to the bottom and jerk while retrieving to surface. Herring will grab on, or become snagged on diamond following up from below. A fast retrieve ratioed spin reel (like Daiwa's BG 30) loaded with 15 test and mounted on a medium action 7 foot rod does nicely as a herring catcher.

Before leaving for home, scale all your baitfish. Leave those messy scales outdoors instead of on your walls. If you intend to fish for larger cod, pre-rig your scaled baitfish this way: tie four feet of 50 test clear leader material to an 8/0 salmon or beak hook. Thread hook into herring's mouth, out under gill and directly below the bait's dorsal, push hook in so point with barb comes out on other side (similar to how spearing is rigged for snappers). After you rig a dozen or more, place each bait tail-down in a bucket of ice with hook leaders hanging out the top. This will keep your bait firm for your trip.

After your cod is gaffed, and lying at your feet, remove fish (via nylon sleeve lock. Use 100 test size), slip in sack, pull another herring out of bucket by its leader and clip on, then drop down to bottom again. No cold wet hands, no fish slime or fish to unhook in frigid weather!

Normally cod over 20 lbs. make their presence known by one solid thump! Next a few bump, bump, bumps. Wait for these hits to pass. If it wasn't dogfish or smaller cod who can't swallow whole 10 inch herrings, your line will become taut with the big cod trying to move off to digest its meal. Tighten your line while dropping your rod tip, then strike back—hard!

On the subject of dogfish, let me say that the height you attach your baited hook can, at times, draw more pesty dogfish than your nerves can handle. By raising or dropping your hook, you may eliminate this problem. If you do swing aboard a doggie, be careful of the spike found at the shark's dorsal fin. It's a deadly as an ice pick. So be careful!

Other ways to use herring are either chunked, like bluefishing, or

filleted which adds a flutter to the bait. On slow days, many a time, herring fillets will save the day. To use chunks and fillets, different rigging is required. Hook size is not important. However, there should be an offset bend to make it easier to sink the hook when using cut bait. I refer to this type of fishhook as "the Killer." Unless there are larger cod present a size 5/0 will handle the fish. Snell up about one dozen hooks each with four, five and six foot 40 test leaders. Why the longer leaders, you might ask? Now on to tip #2.

Have you ever read or seen fellow fishermen using longer leaders for cod? Except for one cod angler/writer that Fisherman readers should (and do!) follow, he's the only fisherman in years to mention long leadered cod hooks.

For four days on either side of full or new moon tides, ocean currents are stronger than normal. This fast current creates a humming sound on anchor ropes or on tightly drawn fishing lines. Cod are naturally curious. Aroused by the sounds, they will move in closer and gather around the noise to investigate. Drop your bait there, and you're in business!

To achieve this, you must use heavier than normal sinkers. If by chance you cannot secure 20 ounce and heavier sinkers, no problem. If you can melt lead, you can make sinkers. Get yourself a melon-sized ball of hard putty. In the putty, make an indentation two inches wide, four inches deep. This is filled to the top with melted lead. Add brass eyelet before hard and remove once cooled. By enlarging hole you can make larger cod sinkers for yourself, too. A suggestion here would be to make lighter ones for the times you can get away with them. A half dozen of each should be enough for several open bottom trips.

Wrecks tend to deplete your supply of long snelled hooks fast! So this rig is best used on open bottom at anchor. Put this mini-cannon ball with its long leadered cod hook to use at the boat's bow—right near the anchor rope. Remember, both your line and the anchor rope will be humming to draw in nosey cod.

If the ship is shifting about, due to windy conditions, skip this method. Rigging like this is only for calm fair days. And, too, if the boat is not too crowded. The crew won't appreciate the added hassles of tangled lines you may cause. And keep the leader length under six feet.

When using these two techniques, and when all conditions are right, you'll swear somebody just rang the cod's dinner bell. And today, with the increase of cod, 10 per day is a reality again.

This feature dealt with only a few techniques avid cod anglers use to improve their catch ratios—especially where soakers are a concern. By combining the old with the new, this cod-fisherman has learned to enjoy the best of both worlds.

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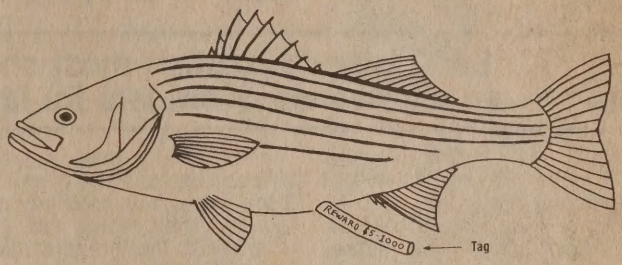

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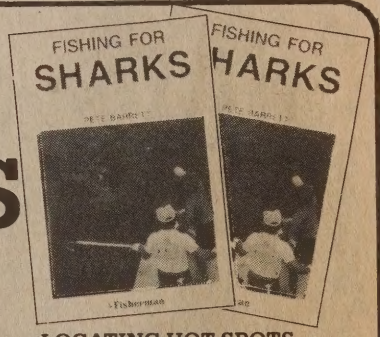

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A STRIPED FINALE

by John Fritz

Long Island's eastern most shore should provide an abundance of stripers for late season surfmen.

In the distant past, surfmen plying their trade while braving the biting chill of impending winter, would in all likelihood be seeking striped bass. In the most recent past, most shore-bound anglers find it extremely difficult to ignore the tremendous run of monster bluefish which floods the south shore of our island. While many impressive bass are hauled from the surf by anglers expecting bluefish, it takes a special breed of fishermen to reject the "Sure Thing" and direct his efforts solely in the pursuit of striped bass. In light of the current striper regulations, this would be an endeavor rooted in a deep regard for the striped bass as King of the Surf. For these select few, catching bass, even though they must be released, exemplifies the ultimate achievement in surf fishing.

Although the jetties, protecting the western inlets from the power of the ocean, play host to a band of dedicated bass fishermen and select back water coves, in the vicinity of Jones Beach, are paid nightly visits by secretive loners, the majority of striper fishermen prefer to pursue their quarry in the pristine waters of the east end. Montauk is synonymous with excellent bass fishing. Whatever your pleasure, some stretch of beach will accommodate your approach to the sport. Whether it be in the sweeping surf of the south side sand beaches, drenched in spray as giant swells destroy themselves against the boulders guarding the Lighthouse, waded into the gentle roll of the waters washing the north side or one's effort directed into a lonely cove 'neath the oceanfront bluffs, the possibility of encountering Ol Roccus is better here than in most areas frequented by great numbers of fishermen.

Tins have accounted for many trophy stripers between sunrise and sunset in recent years.

Not too long ago, expectant anglers invariably congregated in the area commonly referred to as "up front," that is, from North Bar around to the Light. Those few anglers, uncomfortable with balancing themselves on rocks, would find a fair share of bass with their feet planted in the soft sand of the south side. Even though more consistent action is to be found after dark, periods of lively fishing can take place during the light of day, particularly when easterly winds rush the rain clouds through a somber sky.

The high water drop at Ditch Plains has long been favored by those familiar with this spot. The sweep, surging off the relatively shallow shelf, immediately east of the rock groin, sets up a natural attraction for predatory species lurking in the depths downtide. At times, especially after the tide has dropped somewhat, long casts are necessary for frequently the fish will lie along the seaward edge of a distant sand bar. During periods of high water and accommodating winds, short distance lures, such as the 5 inch minnow-shaped swimmers, can be used to take fish from the pocket next to the groin.

A bit further west, on the opposite shore of this basin, there can be found a series of upright pilings, the remains of a structure long since lost to the sea, an area locally known as the Indians. Here a variety of artificials are used to lure bass from either edge of a sand bar which marries the shore from a southeasterly direction.

After one passes the rocky area to the right of the Indians, the shoreline becomes generally featureless. The forces of wind and water shape and re-shape this pliable shore, creating structure which attracts and holds fish and therefore, fishermen for varying

lengths of time. Productive bars repeatedly form in the vicinity of the Glass House, Gurney's and White Sands. At such locations scores of surfmen thrust a variety of needlefish plugs into the night air. These lures, after they are allowed to settle to the bottom, are slowly worked towards the shore. When confronted with adverse wind and surf, knowledgeable veterans dig out the large Super Strike Needles which have been previously loaded with water. Calm nights, on the other hand, might be better spent flinging 7 inch swimmers seaward.

Back "up front," specific locations and time tested techniques are employed to drill an impressive array of linesiders from the nighttime surf. Where once, darters and bottle plugs were used almost exclusively, the needlefish is now the overwhelming favorite of these dedicated surfmen. Experts in the use of heavy bucktails and those content with past results, achieved while working 7 inch swimmers, are not swayed by the arrival of another dynamite lure in the marketplace. The former, by the way, is used primarily under the Light, the latter in areas where the currents are less forceful. The 7 inch RedFin and plugs of similar type are also the undisputed favorite of those who stalk the ledges and coves under the south side bluffs.

With the likelihood of severely restricted limits on the number of bass one is able to retain, fishing an area such as the Lighthouse, where gaffing a decent fish is imperative, should result in a completely new approach. Possibly, for the first time in many a year, these selective perches will be vacant, a sad testimony to man's ability to alter the environment. From Scotts, west past North Bar, sizable fish may be fought, beached, unhooked and eased back into the water, little worse off for their struggle. In fact, North Bar and its environs traditionally has been the scene of some great late season bass action, harboring stripers long after bitter weather forces even the most hardy surfman to cut the tape.

With all attention directed "up front" and on the south side, Shagwong receives little consideration during these declining weeks of the season. This is unfortunate, for on occasion, exceptional fishing can be enjoyed from this relatively placid shoreline. True, some of the better action reportedly takes place in the face of stiff northerly winds, but generally the surf here is more kind to those venturing into the fringes of its domain. A feature which is conducive to the use of a wider variety of tackle and lures.

If Montauk and its environs cannot fulfill the needs of an angler seeking striped bass, there are other locations which have produced fish over the years. Areas presenting attractive structure are obviously ideal locations to seek out bass. The pocket, lying tight to the west jetty at Shinnecock is one, particularly on an ebb tide with blustery east winds. The bar east of the opposing breakwater, at this same inlet, is a favorite of local surfmen and transients alike. The conditions at Moriches are somewhat similar, but a great deal of attention is directed to the impressive patterning of bars and troughs situated approximately 500 yards west of the inlet. This entire area, past Smith's Point Bridge and on into the Seashore, was the scene of truly fantastic late season action in '85. For those not inclined to fish after dark, this was perfect for the best fishing took place during the light of day. It was a time to polish those tins and make sure the tubed hooks are honed to a fine point.

Everything mentioned thus far relates to the pursuit of bass while employing the use of artificials. On many occasions even the most skillfully presented lure will be ignored by the predator species, but even the most satiated bass is not apt to refuse a live eel wriggling before its nose. When offered with the aid of a fishfinder rig on the bottom, the choice of fishing sites is limited. Such a technique would not be suitable when fishing under the Light, for instance, but wherever the bottom is comprised of sand this practice could be extremely rewarding. There is more than one way to skin a cat though, a technique widely practiced at the Cape may be well adapted to the rougher terrain of the east end. This entails casting and retrieving a live eel, using just a single hook, much the way one would work a RedFin.

The vast majority of surf fishermen heading east invariably bear right when reaching Riverhead. Results achieved from the ocean shore receives wide acclaim from both the media and the grapevine. The activities taking place on the north fork, on the other hand, generate scant interest outside the immediate area. Those who have pursued this sport for a number of years should well remember the scores of delighted casters, lining the beach at Horton's Point, hauling school bass, often two at a time, on tin and teaser combinations. Other prominent points jutting towards the New England coast, produce similar action on school stripers while occasionally rewarding persistent pluggers a shot at cow bass. Don't wait to read about happenings on the north fork in the fishing reports, for access here is limited and crowds tend to invite enforcement of parking restrictions. This area is one suited for investigative forays, seeking space for a lone auto to be parked unobtrusively near the desired fishing location.

With the combined effect of great late season action on teen bluefish and the ban on striper possession, the crowds which previously frustrated many surfmen will likely diminish. Choice locations may now be vacant, abandoned by all but the mighty striper, just lying in wait for a lure to be cast its way.

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BLESS A DOGGIE

by Einar "Doc" Grell

What do you think? Are "doggies" or dogfish really a curse or a blessing when you are out codfishing? What do you know about them? Possibly, a little knowledge will give you a better understanding of these cartilaginous fish. What are these horned critters? The spiny dogfish is a small shark known by a variety of names. Its scientific name is **Squalus acanthias**, but common names include spiny dogfish, horned dogfish and in the marketplace, they are known as grayfish or rock salmon—believe it or not. Most of the names refer to the prominent, sharp spines in front of the two dorsal fins. When fully grown, the dogfish is about 2½ to 3½ feet long and weighs between 7 and 10 pounds. Its slender streamlined body is slate covered with rows of small white spots on the sides. The species is found in many parts of the oceans of the world, especially along the coasts and over the Continental Shelves of the North Atlantic and North Pacific oceans. It is one of the most abundant fishes in the North Atlantic Ocean, but has little economic value in the United States today. Most of my fishing friends feel that they are a curse upon man when they are out codfishing and encounter them by the hundreds, instead of Mr. Whiskers. In Europe, however, dogfish are heavily exploited as food fish and used to produce costly hors d'oeuvres and inexpensive fish and chips.

In the western North Atlantic the range of the spiny dogfish extends from Greenland south to the vicinity of Cape Lookout, North Carolina in depths less than 1200 feet. The distribution of the species probably can best be described in terms of temperature since they favor water between 43 and 50 degrees Fahrenheit (6 to 15 degrees C.).

About 4800 spiny dogfish, most mature adults have been recently tagged off the East Coast of the United States. Though the return rates have been low, they have shown a clear pattern of migration. Mature adults winter in southern waters just inside the western edge of the Gulf Stream from northern Florida to about the Virginia Capes. It is probably during this period that the young are born. Dogfish are continually on the move. The most dramatic evidence for this was provided by a fish which migrated from Block Island, Rhode Island to Mayport, Florida in 98 days for an estimated rate of migration of 11.4 nautical miles per day. The migration of the adults is regular enough that fish originally tagged from one school have been recaptured at the same place in succeeding years within 10 days of the anniversary date of tagging.

Spiny dogfish in American waters have never been important as a

source of food, but they have long been a source of valuable oil and vitamins. As far back as 1877, oil from their large livers was used as a lubricant, to dress and tan hides as well as fuel for lamps. When World War II prevented the importation of shark liver oil, a source of natural Vitamin A, domestic dogfish liver oil was used instead. In the 1950s spiny dogfish were used to make fish meal for hog and poultry feed. Spiny dogfish have been made into protein concentrate (FPC) and a few thousand pounds are landed each year to be used directly as food fillets or steaks. In Europe and Scandinavian countries they are used widely as food.

Dogfish form large schools during the winter breeding period. The eggs are fertilized internally and develop in the female for 1½ to 2 years. At the end of this prolonged gestation period, each pregnant female delivers three to eleven "pups" or babies. While baby dogfish develop internally, they are nourished by a richly yolked egg sac attached to the mother's abdomen by an umbilical cord. The ten inch long newborn dogfish must find food immediately when they are born and they soon begin to prey on other organisms smaller than themselves. The diet of the adults is mostly fishes, particularly fish belonging to the herring family.

The spiny dogfish is surprisingly slow growing and long lived. Age growth studies of both the Atlantic and Pacific stocks reveals that they may live for 25 to 30 years. Annual growth increments are only about 1.5 to 2 inches. Males are sexually mature at about 11 years and females at about 18 to 21 years. The females are the largest and the males may be determined by two claspers or penises on the rear, bottom part of their body. All dogfish have very large eyes.

Dogfish are neither swift nor very active. However, when caught they thrash violently, curling their body like a bow and striking out with the slightly poisonous dorsal fin spines. The wounds these produce may be painful as most fishermen sooner or later find out.

Fishermen in American waters continue to avoid the spiny dogfish like the proverbial plague. One can only speculate that under the circumstances, the population of dogfish will continue to expand to the detriment of other species. Perhaps one of the best things that could be done for the North Atlantic fisheries would be to exploit the spiny dogfish on the commercial market and thus eliminate the nuisance aspect of the species. Why not then make them nutritional?

All fishermen of these waters, especially codfishermen, should at least try to eat these critters before making the judgment that they are a worthless fish. I can remember many years back when they said the same thing about blowfish until people began to eat them. Fishermen found them delicious. If dogfish are good eating in Europe, then they should be just as good to eat here in the United States.

Immediately upon catching a dogfish, cut off head, tail and gut the fish. Keep the fish cool. On arriving home, cut the fish into small steaks or fillets. Marinate the small steaks or fillets for 1 to 2 hours in a mixture of lemon juice, chopped onions, olive oil and rosemary. Broil the fillets or steaks in a very hot, preheated broiler 4 inches from the flame or heat source until the fish is brown on one side. Turn the fish over and brown the other side. Continue cooking until done. Experiment with times for cooking. The most important thing to remember is that dogfish should be eaten as soon as possible after catching. I have tried the above recipe and now find that many of my early codfishing trips which were very frustrating, owing to the scarcity of cod available, have become more enjoyable since I now bring something home to eat. An activity in fishing which was really quite a nuisance now has become an activity which is quite nutritional. Another advantage to eating dogfish involves that of expense. Why throw away dogfish as a good source of food when you have gone to the trouble of purchasing expensive skimmer clams which you have fed them with. If you catch no cod and eat no fish, the return is obviously minimal.

Go codfishing in November and December using regular codfishing tackle and believe me, you soon will catch dogfish. Dogfish appear in large numbers off Long Island in the few days just before the cod season takes hold with cooler waters arriving. Matter of fact, most codfishermen look forward to catching dogfish as a harbinger of good codfishing to follow. It is not unusual to catch many dogfish early in a day's fishing just before catching cod. Many times you will catch 15 to 20 dogfish or more, interspersed with several good size cod. If you catch too many dogfish at a particular spot, move to another location where possibly your dogfish menu will be varied with that of cod.

At any rate, the codfishing season will always commence with the dogfish season. There is nothing that you can do about this fact of nature except to put dogfish on your menu until the cod really arrive. As the waters get colder, cod and whiting take over. The only problem with going codfishing is that you do not know the exact time that the cod take over. Thus, you will most often have to contend with the dogfish-cod dilemma. I strongly suggest that you eat a few dogfish instead of sadistically chopping up these little critters and throwing them back into the ocean. You should remember that it took a long time for these horned friends to grow up. Who knows? We might reach that point in ecology where if we want to eat fish it will be dogfish. So why not start now? Convert a "nuisance" into a source of nourishment.

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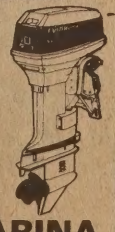

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A TIME FOR NEEDLEFISH

by Tim Coleman

This deadly plug continues to dominate the Northeast surf scene.

Between now and the end of November, to a week or so after the last of the turkey has been polished off, some dedicated anglers will be stalking the deserted beaches of southern New England looking for that bass of a lifetime. Some will cast the traditional eel while others put their hopes on the Needlefish plugs.

Ask anglers who get on airplanes to fly to their surf fishing spots and they'll tell you some monsters hit the Needlefish. If you further question someone who has put in his or her time I'll bet they have their share of broken hearts. No, they didn't suffer some domestic squabbles on the beach. Broken hearts is the nickname given to 3/0 trebles after a bass charged off on her first rush to free herself from hooks that couldn't take the strain. After that some wild-eyed or disgruntled angler reels back to find what weird shape his hooks were reduced to. Last fall the group of very experienced surf fishermen I was fortunate to hook up with, contributed their broken hearts from Mustad, Eagle Claw, etc., into a large glass jar prominently displayed in the kitchen of our rented house. By season's end it was full.

What can be done to hold on to some of these hard fighting bass? One suggestion was posted in a May, 1985 issue when we wrote about the possibility of using a small Needlefish with stout single hook instead of two or three sets of trebles. The reasoning was the single hook lure would hang onto those large bass much better. The design shown in the May story had promise, but needed some refinement.

To get the extra edge we took or sent our ideas to both Silent George in Pawcatuck, Ct., and Danny Pichney, originator of the Danny plug, in Jackson Heights, NY, asking both persons to make us some newer, improved lures.

The top lure was made by Silent George. It's 2¾ inches long, excluding hook with saddle hackles. The body weighs just one ounce, plenty enough to cast with a 10 foot conventional rod with 30 lb. line. Remember, the aim of the project was to subdue bass over 40 lbs. along a beach filled with rocks, rocks and more rocks. That's the reasoning for heavy spinning or conventional.

George's lure has two shots of lead

Two single hook versions of the Needlefish mentioned in the story.

poured in and is wired through. On the front you can see a Sampo ball bearing swivel to prevent fish from getting any hook twisting leverage. On the back is a stainless steel split ring attached to a short shanked, 3X strong, 7/0 Mustad. The hackles on that and the plug made by Danny Pichney measured 5 inches long, the size of most sand eels I found washed up on the beaches I fish. If bigger sand eels were around, longer hackles were ready to go.

The bottom plug was made by Danny Pichney, one of the master lure makers along the coast. His lure weighed slightly over 1 ounce and is about 4 inches long. Both lures cast very well yet rode high enough they weren't dragging bottom. With both lures we tied direct to the front eye with a three foot section of 50 lb. mono. During the night we're constantly checking for frays. At the slightest sign of a nick, we changed leaders.

We're confident about recommending the single hook plug—with reservations—now that it's had a couple seasons research and development. Both single hook plugs accounted for a fair share of 30 pounders, a couple in the low to mid 40s and one that went 67 lbs. The lures are not flashy looking and don't have any action whatsoever in the water. They swim like a stick with too much stretch in its drawers. But, bass, big ones, hit them, and when they do, they don't get off so easy.

The single hook plugs work fine in light wind or nights with the wind at your back. However, on evenings when a 25 mile per hour or better crosswind was the barrier between us and fish, they weren't so hot. You'd feel the hit but we seemed to miss a share on those tides.

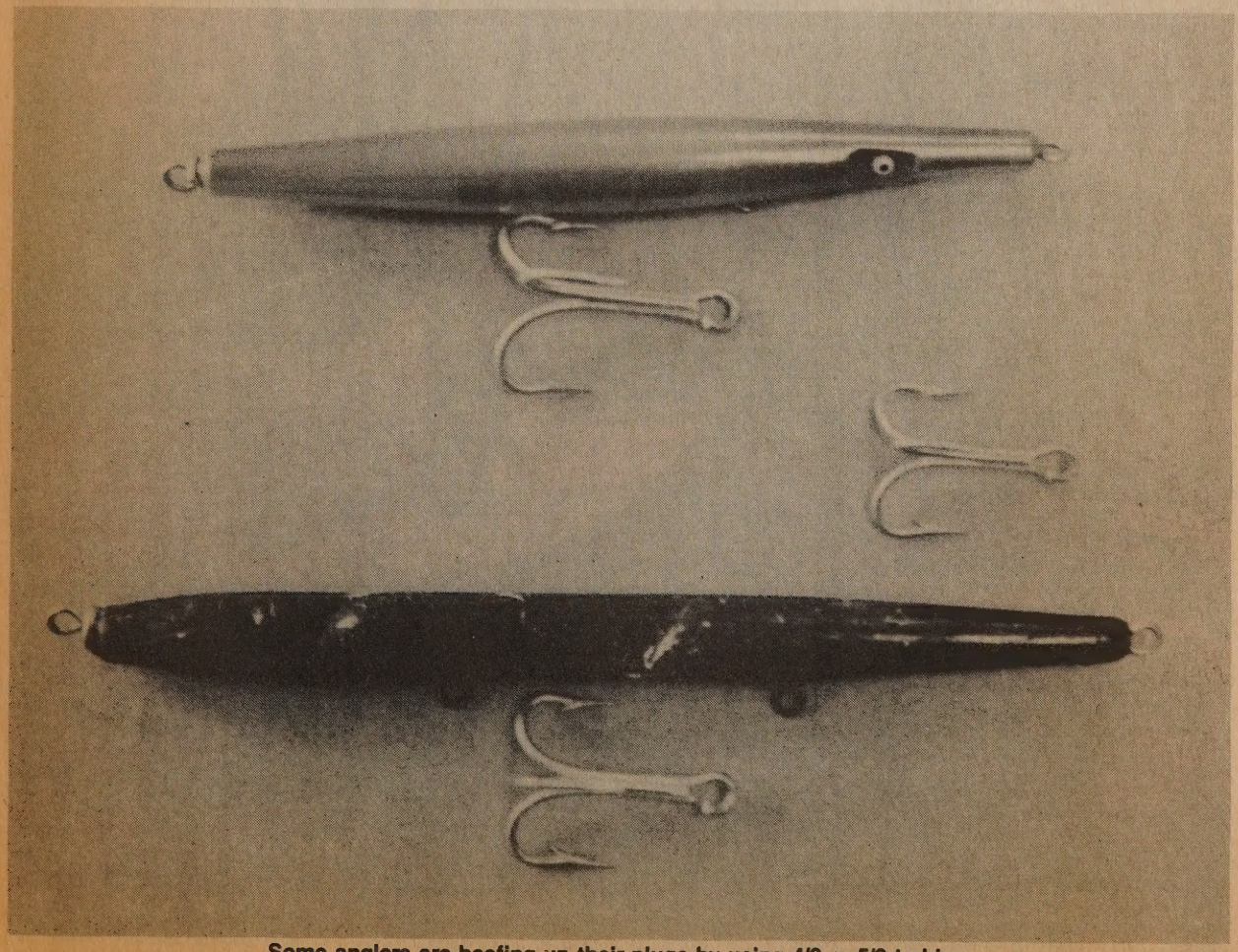
When we first showed up with the single hook plugs people eyed them with polite skepticism. Somebody nicknamed them the bombs. However, after the last couple seasons the lures earned their place in surf bags. Just remember to keep that hook super sharp. If there's any doubt, take it off and replace with a new one. Don't waste pennies when you may be casting for the heaviest bass of your life.

Another plus for the single hooks is times you fish a section of shore where the rocks are loaded with hook-snatching balloon weed. A treble hook plug will continually foul, making life miserable and dangerous. As an angler tugs on the rod to free the plug, it may suddenly come sailing back, often whistling past his ear. One poor soul got smacked in the face a couple years ago requiring an early morning visit to a doctor to have a stainless steel treble cut back from the inside of his nose. Besides the aggravation, the angler missed a dropping tide when the fish were really snapping. The single hook lures will foul, but not as often and when they do, they come out a lot easier.

Someone might ask what can you do to beef up lures that require treble hooks on nights when the single hook ones are missing too many good fish. We talked that very problem over one day with Mr. Fred Golofaro, a superior bass fisherman from our Long Island edition. Fred suggested going up on the size on the hooks. We fooled around some and settled on 4/0s for lures with three hook hangers and 5/0s for lures with two hook eyes.

On a couple nights with 25 MPH from the southeast we landed some nice bass only stuck with one set of hooks due to all the bow in our line. This might seem a bit much for fish of 30 lbs., but keep in mind we are talking about a time and place when 60 plus pounders are a possibility. In the last couple seasons there's been a 70 pounder caught along with Lord knows how many runaways from anglers with over 20 years experience.

I firmly believe the heaviest heavyweights of the bass world are out front then, just behind the first wave. Somebody is going to hold on to her one of these nights.



Some anglers are beefing up their plugs by using 4/0 or 5/0 trebles.

WINTER STORAGE FOR YOUR OUTBOARD

by Tom Goodspeed

Protecting your outboard motor from winter's evils should be a top priority for any boatman.

I learned the hard way: proper winter storage of your outboard engine and boat is a must if you wish to protect your investment.

At first, I left my big outboard setting on the transom during the winter months, out in the ice and the snow and the rain, and I only changed spark plugs when the old set of plugs were too fouled or too burned to provide a smooth running engine. In no time at all, after only two or three seasons of this haphazard kind of maintenance, breakdowns began to occur.

Have you ever tried to install a new set of spark plugs while drifting several miles out in the bay? Try, sometime, to hang over the transom with a spark plug wrench in one hand, a set of new, dry spark plugs in another hand, a can of CRC 5-56 in another hand—and all the while holding on for dear life with still

Proper covering and lubrication of your boat and trailer will ensure a trouble-free launching in the spring.

another hand as the boat wallows in the swells and the icy-cold water is splashing up in your face?

Or have you ever trailered your rig for four hours by the light of the moon, arriving at the launching ramp in the still of an early spring morning, well before sunrise? Have you then launched your boat, loaded all the gear, got your buddies all set for the run to your favorite fishing hole—and then found that the engine just wouldn't start, no matter how hard you tried?

Or most embarrassing of all, have you had to put in a call to the Coast Guard for a tow back to the nearest port? Not necessarily your home port, just the "nearest" port?

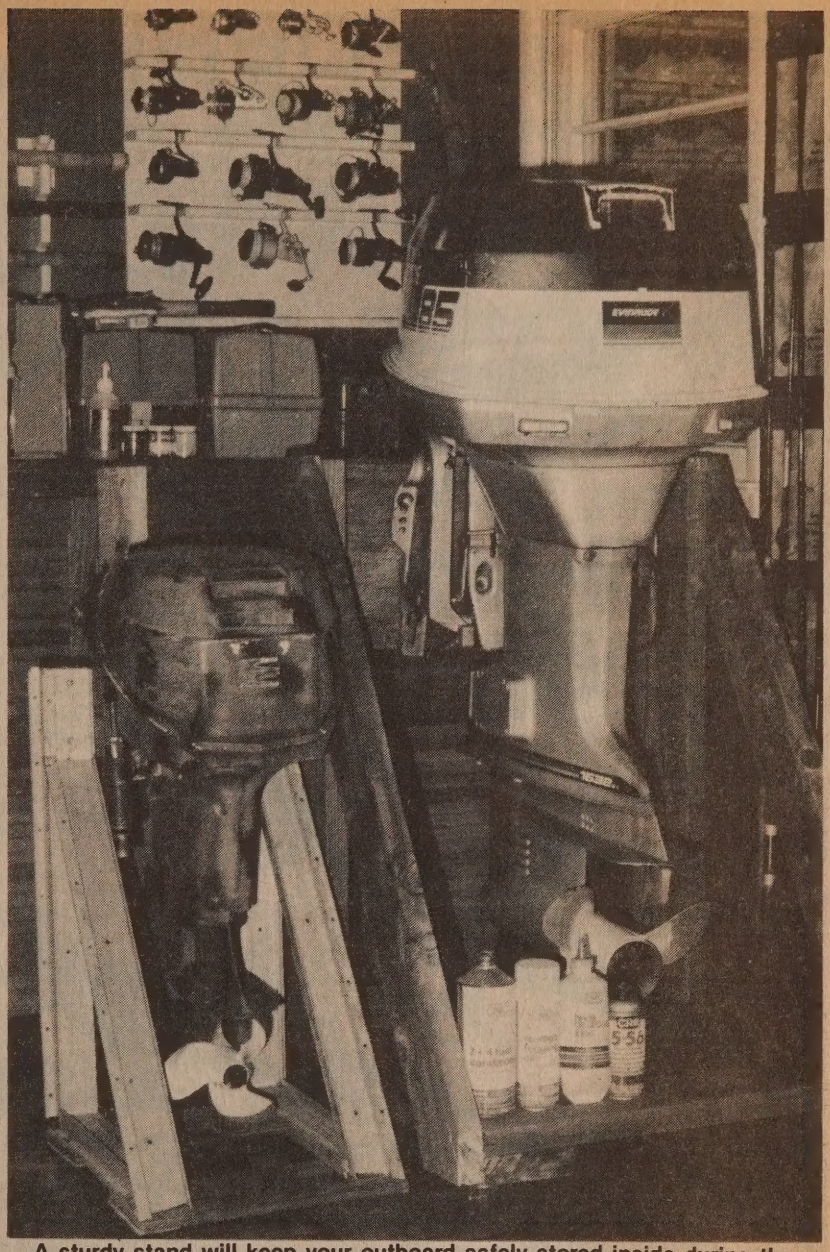
It was after a series of incidents like these that I wised up—and began to take care of my engine.

Years ago, I made a stand for my little 9.5 hp Evinrude and as I use this engine virtually 12 months a year, I have never winterized it. It is stored indoors and only used on my car-topper or as an auxiliary on my big boat, a spare when running offshore. But since the stand worked so well, the first thing I did for my big engine was to build a stand for it.

I built a real husky one out of scrap lumber I had laying around the place and mounted it on casters. Then I fastened a 1/2 inch eye bolt through one of the overhead beams in the carport and purchased a one ton hand-powered power puller. Then, backing the trailer so that the boat transom was underneath the eye bolt, I could then lift that 350 lb. engine quite easily. Then, after rolling the boat and trailer out of the way, I figured that I could roll the stand into position and lower the engine onto it. Next I could roll the stand into my basement where it could sit over the winter. And when I finally got around to removing the engine, the setup worked surprisingly easy, no trouble at all.

Prior to removing the engine from the boat, I had to winterize it, outdoors, in the carport. I had purchased one of those engine flushing belts that wraps around the lower unit. I hooked up the belt so that the hose nozzle covered the water inlet ports, connected the garden hose, turned on the water, and started the engine. Either the belt or the "ear muffs" do work fine, letting you flush out any saltwater remaining in the lower unit after you have pulled your boat.

I then added OMC 2-Plus-4 Fuel Conditioner to the fuel tank, one ounce to each gallon of gasoline. Starting the engine again, I ran it until the exhausted cooling water ran warm and while it ran at about 2500 RPMs, I disconnected the fuel line, at the engine. Quickly, I then injected OMCs Rust Preventative Fogging Oil spray directly into each of the four carburetor intake ports—while the engine was still running. Once the motor smoked excessively. I switched off the ignition, leaving the engine flooded with treated fuel and fogging oil.



A sturdy stand will keep your outboard safely stored inside during the winter.

Next, I sprayed the fogging oil liberally into each of the four cylinders through the spark plug ports while turning the flywheel by hand, thoroughly lubricating the inside of the cylinder cavities. Lastly, I sprayed the outside of the engine with CRC 5-56, hitting all areas beneath the engine cover. I then installed a new set of spark plugs, but left them unconnected. I'll connect the spark plug leads next spring, when I'm ready to launch for the first time.

During the next hour, I spent some time cleaning up the engine exterior, draining and refilling the gear case, lubricating all the grease fittings and touching up the propeller edges with a file. The total cost was not over $40 and this included the power winch and the four casters. This coming winter should cost me nothing beyond the price of four plugs as I've enough Conditioner and Fogging Oil left from last year.

As for my 17' outboard boat, I simply jack up each wheel and lower the axle onto a support that keeps the tires just off the ground. The bearing buddies are both packed with grease and the bow raised so that rain water will drain to the stern and flow out the drain plug hole. The entire cockpit area is covered with a tarp that is well tied down and the tires are covered with homemade wheel covers, protecting the rubber from the damaging rays of the sun, minimizing dry rot in the tire walls.

With this simple series of steps, I feel pretty secure that my investment is adequately protected and that the boat will be all ready to go come next April.

THE FISHERMAN QUIZ

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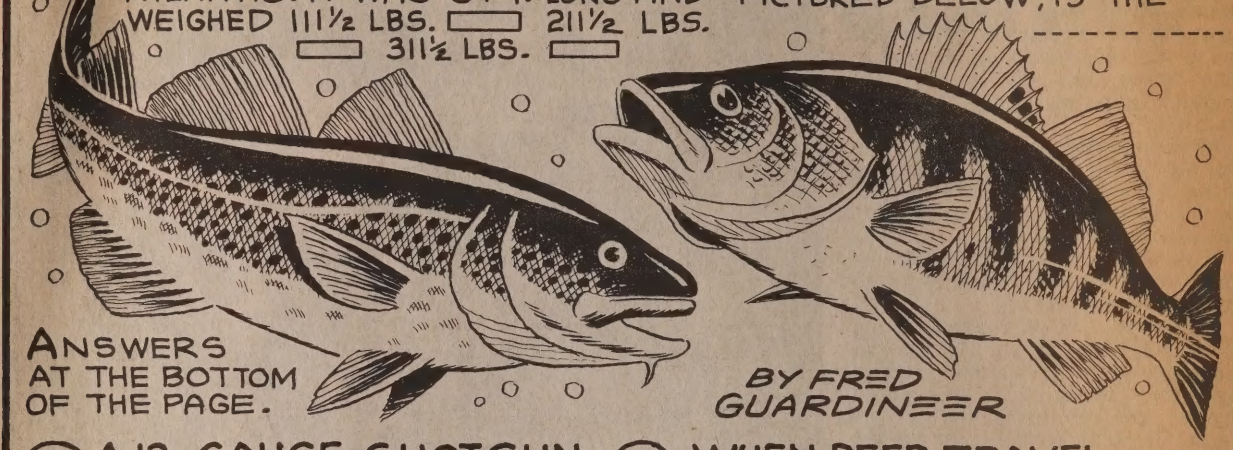

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BY FRED GUARDINEER

(3) A 12-GAUGE SHOTGUN BORED MODIFIED CHOKE WILL SHOOT A WIDER PATTERN THAN A 20-GAUGE SHOTGUN WITH THE SAME BORING...

TRUE ☐
FALSE ☐

(4) WHEN DEER TRAVEL IN A GROUP THE BIG BUCKS WILL ORDINARILY LEAD FOLLOWED BY THE DOES AND SMALLER DEER.

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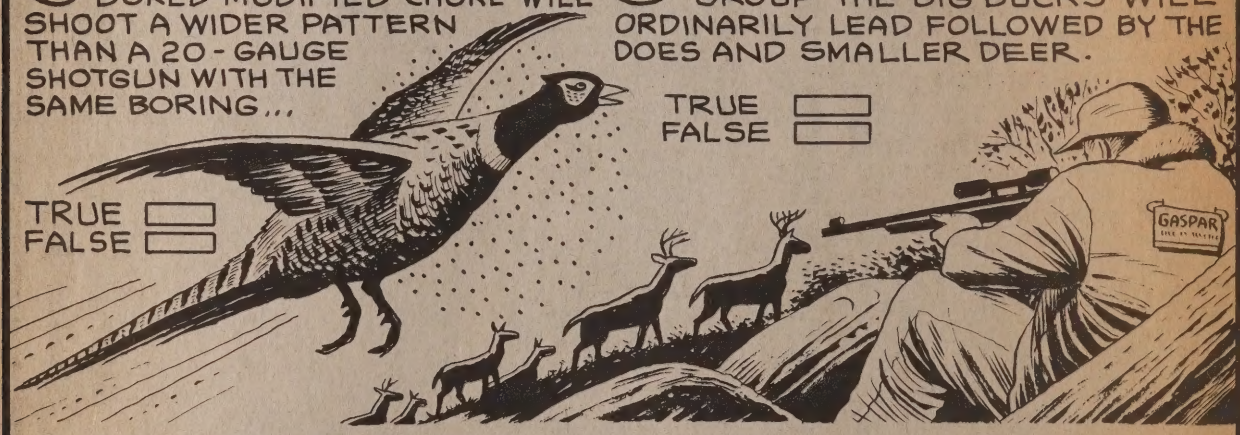

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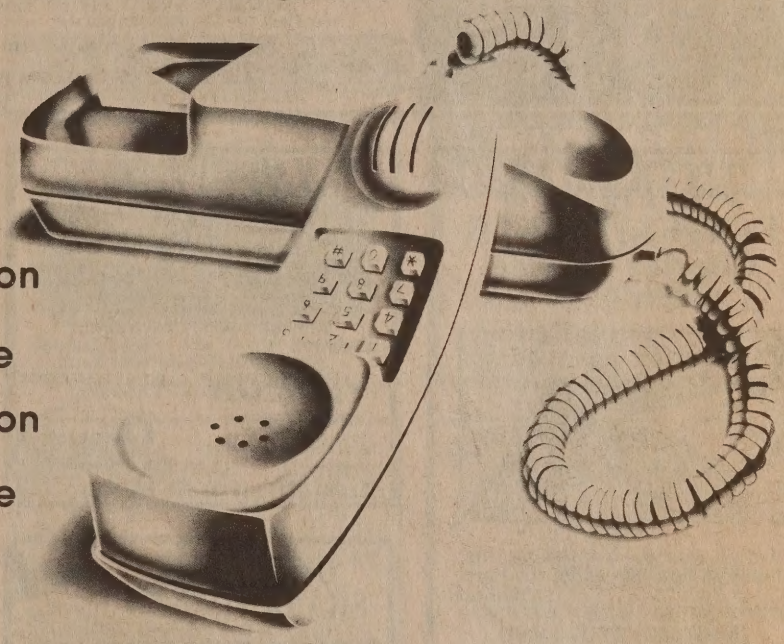

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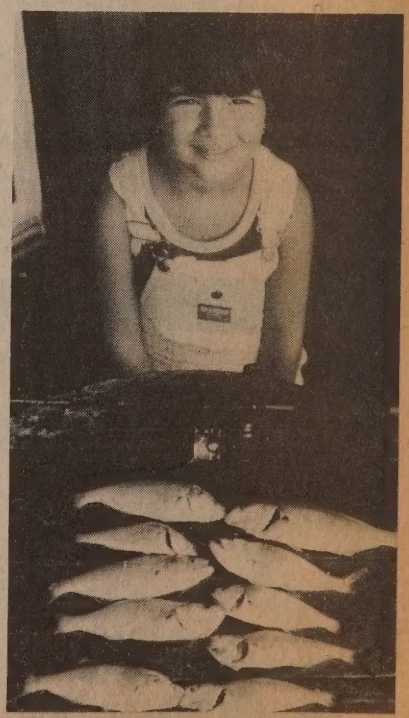

Young Jennifer Brindisi with some of the 17 snappers she caught while vacationing with her family at Montauk. Subscriber photo.

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East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

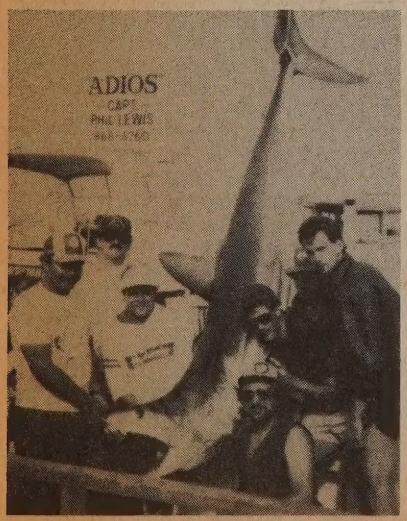
Catches of tuna and shark offshore inspired several Canyon trips during brief periods of calm waters. Inshore, billions of bluefish persist, with some dogfish hitting baits. Blackfish, sea bass and porgy catches remain constant. Plenty of stripers around for catch and release action.

MONTAUK

Wednesday morning's trip on the **Bluefin IV** resulted in enough video to fill in any possible dull moments on the television program, L.I. Fishing. With Captain Michael Potts at the wheel, Robert Aaronson and Dennis Gaviola caught and released over 30 bass, casting with light spinning tackle on the South Side. Video of Captain Aaronson's large bass will be shown this week on WLIG-Tv, Channel 55 at 7:30PM Friday and 9:30AM Saturday.

Bass, with some bluefish, were on tap on the **Bluefin IV's** Monday trip with the Marxe group, before switching to bottom fishing for porgy, blackfish and sea bass. On Thursday, the Fagans released about 75 stripers, caught casting, but kept 40 blues. A half day trip on Sunday, with the Sodkins fished out of the wind, successfully casting for stripers.

A trip with Precision Concepts, arranged by Vinnie Marino, at first tried for blackfish at Race Rock on Thursday on the **King Wayne**. Since pickings were slow, they switched to blues, quitting after trolling about a hundred, releasing 17 stripers. A half day trip on Sunday with Mike Keating his family and friends (10 persons) happily caught about 200 blues, released 18 bass. An overnight canyon trip Friday, resulted in the capture of a 130 lb. bigeye tuna, 6 yellowfin and a 200 lb. mako. According to Capt. King, a 5/0 tuna hook snagged the dorsal fin of the mako, and was fought for two hours before gaffing. An old tag was found in the fish, just ready to fall out. It will be interesting to see how long ago the shark was first caught.



The Savino party with a prize 404 lb. mako taken aboard the Montauk charter boat "Adios" back on 7-20-86.

Weekend charters on the **Alyssa Ann** included the catch of 19 blackfish, top weight 7 lbs., by a group arranged by Stan Martinek on Saturday, fishing in very bad sea conditions. Sunday's trip with Tom Weltchek and his friends from New Jersey jigged several bushels of bluefish with 18 stripers, fishing at the Point.

Flounder are coming into the picture now. Last Tuesday, Captain Charlie Nappi, Percy Heath and Walter D. located 28 flounder, big enough to require two buckets.

Captain John DeMaio bottom fished on the **Vivienne** Monday and Tuesday with Ray Bussi and his friends; the first day catching 36 blackfish averaging 5 lbs. Tuesday's trip for flounder located about 100 flatties, averaging just over a pound apiece. Friday's blackfish trip returned with three dozen blackfish, averaging 5 lbs.; however, the largest weighed 10 lbs.

Carl. Darenberg, Jr., speaking for the **Montauk Marine Basin**, reported an upswing in flounder catches in areas around Block Island, with blues all over. Striped bass catches both by boat and from the surf are reaching new heights daily. Tuna activity at the Canyon is still pretty hot, with a catch of 31 yellowfin made on the "Jinx" on Thursday night. An enormous codfish was officially weighed at the **Marine Basin** on Sunday, caught by Dennis Muhlenforth of Commack, NY. The cod, caught on 40 lb. test line, was the pool winner on the weekend's **Viking** Georges Banks trip.

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the **Viking** codfish trip related that, although fishing was excellent, a turn for the worse in weather conditions made it prudent to return a day early. However, most anglers were too tired to fish any more since many very large cod were caught: 30 cod between 40 and 50 lbs., and an uncounted amount of cod around 30 lbs. Although this was supposed to be the last trip of the year to the Banks, Capt. Paul has scheduled one last trip by popular demand. Next trip, scheduled to leave the evening of November 28th already has many deposits. Call as soon as possible to get aboard.

Viking Star, fishing for Block Island porgies, returned with a mixed bag of large sea bass, blackfish, a smattering of cod and porgies that can best be described as "monstrous" in size, with most anglers filling their coolers and burlap bags. Bottom fishing trips are now scheduled for Saturday, Sunday and Mondays until further notice. Bluefishing will continue Saturday nights only.

We gave blackfishing a valiant try during Saturday's hideous weather and tought sea conditions on the "Sea Whimp." **Edelman's** Lou Rosado, Bruce Hastings, Joe Garguilo and I managed 20 blackfish, a hard pick at southwest ledge. Most fish were medium size, however, largest weighed 8½ lbs. Once again, I "should have been there yesterday," when on Friday, in the calmest of weather, Lou, Dr. Fayer, Nick Matskiew, Bob, "Codfish" Cathy and Stanly "Milkessa" filled a large cooler with blackfish, selectively keeping only fish over 5 lbs. Several over 9 lbs. were noted in the catch. The "Bullit" fished Southwest Ledge, same spots that the fish had lockjaw the next day.

Captain Ron Grandinetti reported on the **Julie III**'s last trip of the season. Tony Lopez and his friends caught many blues to fourteen pounds, with seventeen blackfish to seven and a half pounds, over a dozen sea bass and four dozen porgies to three and a half pounds. Nasty sea conditions prevailed, however the fish were cooperative at the Point and Pocketbook. Captain Ron wishes to thank his customers and friends for a fine 1986 season and wishes all a healthy and happy new year. The **Julie III** will be back in the water, at **Gone Fishing Marina**, for charters beginning the first week in April.

SOUTH FORK

Blackfish efforts showed a sharp improvement Friday and Saturday on the **Sag Harbor** based **Wilhelric II**. On Friday, regulars Jackie Gleason and his three buddies counted seventy-five blackfish, top weight eight pounds, in their coolers. Saturday's trip was even better, with uncounted numbers of blackfish coming over the rails. The mate started filleting at 10 am during the fishing blitz, finished at 5 pm. Looks like blackfish time is here! Captain Lach has been fishing the north side of Plum Island, north of Gull, and east of Little Gull, with most fish in the medium class, the pool each day eight to ten pounds. **Wilhelric II** is scheduled to sail daily at 7am, with a dozen free green crabs included in the fare.

Matt and Mike Chackles with a pool winning fluke caught aboard the Moriches based open boat, "Alma III."

Not much in the way of fishing reports from **Speck's Bait and Tackle**, although a few fellows tried flounder at Gardiner's and Heady Creek, with poor results. Activity at the shop is centered on selling hunting licences with the bow season open. Thom has a full supply of archery supplies in stock. Goose hunters have enjoyed a good week, limiting out most days.

Dee and Joe Eisenger tried Heady Creek on Saturday, locating about a dozen flounder. Their boat, "Haleakala" is berthed at **Sherry and Joe Corr's Best Boatworks**. Offshore efforts were hampered by bad sea conditions, according to Joe Corr. Congratulations are in order for Captain Video, of the "Video Zoo", who is the proud poppa of a new baby girl.

South Shore REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

Plenty of east wind and lots of rain kept fishing activity down to a minimum this week and weekend. Most shops reported the weekend a total washout but as always, there were some hardy souls out sampling the local flounder and blackfish action.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Capt. Ron Schleuter of the **Moriches** based **Alma Fleet** reported a fair showing of flounder in Moriches Bay north of Buoy 27 and north of Buoy 42. Incoming tide has been producing the most consistent action with some fish approaching the two pound mark. On Sunday's half day trip, most fares picked between 2 and 5 flatties. Hi-hook finished with 10 fish. Worm baits and heavy chum is needed. Ron added that there are still plenty of blue claw crabs at Buoy 27. Water temperature on the weekend was down to 53.5 with the best flounder fishing normally occurring when the water temperature drops below 50 degrees.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

From **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue**, Paul Graniello said that the lousy weather killed the fishing on the weekend. No one attempted any serious boat fishing and most of the

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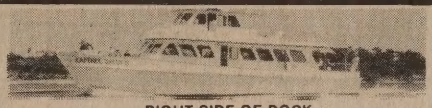

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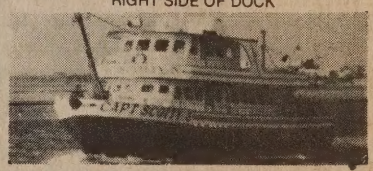

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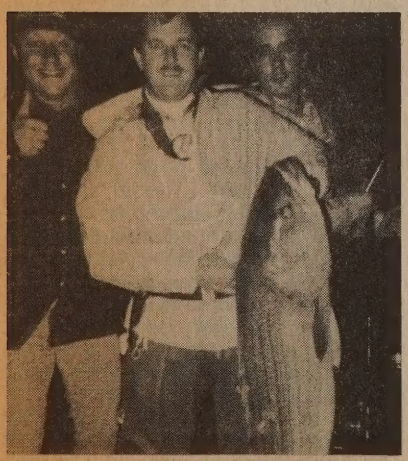

William C. Miller, Jr. shows the 44½ lb. striper he beached on a bunker chunk in Fire Island Inlet back on October 21, 1986. The big striper was released after the photo was snapped. William is a High Hill Striper Club member.

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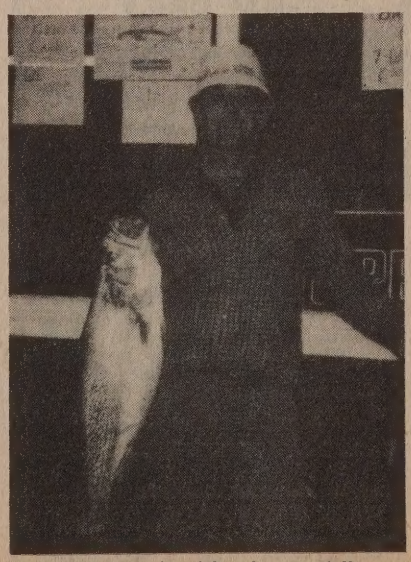
activity in the store revolved around the surf crowd. Concerning the local docks, Paul said that the flounder fishing has been very picky.

Al Colban of **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** said that the weather really cut down on weekend fishing activity. During breaks in the weather, boatmen found continued good crabbing in the Sore Thumb Pocket and OK blackfishing at Kismet. Flounder fishing remains fair at best with a scattering of fish at the Sore Thumb, Heckscher Park and Dickerson Channel. Also some tommy cod being taken at the latter two spots as well as from the West Sayville Dock on worms and clams.

Over at **Peppy's Tackle Shop** in **East Islip** Jim Romano also lamented the weekend's weather. He did have reports that indicated flounder have moved to the north side of the bay with several catches made off of Islip and Heckscher during the week. Bloodworms and chum are a must. Plenty of blues along the outer beach for trollers and jiggers when the weather permits getting outside of the inlet. Back on Monday, Frank Driscoll filled a cooler with 10 pounders while jigging at Point 'O Woods.

Carl Miller at **Smokey's Tackle Shop** asked that we thank all of his customers for their patronage over the season. The shop will be closed until the spring.

Capt. George Tweedy of the **Captree** open boat **Captain Scotty 3**



James Unruh with a huge 15 lb. 2 oz. weak he caught in Jones Inlet on a live bunker. Photo courtesy of Causeway Bait and Tackle.

reported very, very good bluefishing all week with catches running anywhere from 20 to 60 blues per man. Even a few stripers in the 5 to 20 pound range being taken with the blues. All the fish have been taken on diamond jigs with most of the action along the beach from Cherry Grove to the Inlet. The boat did turn back on Sunday as a result of very rough seas. Night fishing has again come alive and as a result the 7PM bluefish trips are back on schedule. See ad for further details.

On the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Whittaker**, Capt. Richie Abrams reminded that he continuing his daily full day blackfish runs at 8AM. He labeled the fishing as good with the skipper working over a number of special bay spots. He expects the fishing to get even better as water temperatures continue to drop.

Noel Kappauf at **Captree Bait and Tackle** noted a slight improvement in the flounder action with fish now being taken in the open bay. Blackfish still being taken inside the bay as well as on the ocean reef along with some nice sea bass. Peter Adams weighed in a 1.12 pound flounder taken aboard the Capt. Leitch last week. A few flounder being picked from the Captree Overlook Pier but better action on the Jones Beach Piers with some to

Frank and Don Durando with blacks of 5 to 6 lbs. taken from wreck off of Atlantic Beach. They were weighed at Long Beach Marineland.

1½ pounds being taken.

Speaking from **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon**, Fred Austin said that the lousy weather made for a very quiet week and weekend. Two anglers did sample the local flounder fishing in Saturday's rain. Doc Sevidal returned with 20 flounder to 2.5 pounds taken opposite Good Samaratin Hospital. Jim Erickson spent just enough time aboard his Queen of Sheba to take 7 flatties to a pound and a half near buoy 2, East Islip. Fred did know that there have been a lot of bluefish along the beach for jiggers and trollers. Some days have been very good and others not so good.

Mike Andreani at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** reminded that the shop will be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays through the winter. On a more important note, we were saddened to learn that Linda Miller was recovering from being hit by a car last Thursday. She is recovering in Brunswick Hospital in Amityville and could probably stand some cheering up from friends and customers. On the fishing front, some flounder taken from the Copiague Hole during the week with the weekend being a wash-out. Not much word on blackfish this week but still a lot of bait going out the door when the weather cooperates. Big blues for jiggers and trollers from along the beach on out to 80 feet of water.

Over at **Charlie's Tackle Shop** in **Lindenhurst**, Jim Schaefer spoke of a steady pick of flounder in the State Channel, at Tobay and the Amityville Cut. Some fair catches also being made in the East-West Channel, at Bergen Point, and off of Good Samaratin Hospital. Bloodworm and mussel bait and clam or mussel chum have been the ticket. Still reports of blackfish being taken at Kismet, the R.M. Bridge and the Coast Guard Station on greens and fiddlers. The shop still has both crabs in stock. Blues being taken by trollers, jiggers and on bait outside the inlet. Fish range from 5 to 13 pounds with most this week around the 10 pound mark. Some larger fish also mixed with them.

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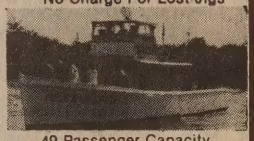

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The weather killed the weekend fishing activity according to Chester Shew at **Z Crab Tackle** in **Copiague**. Only surfcasters seemed to benefit from the elements. Otherwise, a few blackfish taken during the week at Kismet and the R.M. Bridge. The Rota Wreck has produced some very good fishing when it is fishable. Flounder have been generally picky but the Squaw Island area and Bergen Point did produce some consistently good catches during the week.

Bob Vitale at **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor** had little to report as a result of the weather. He knew of a pick of flounder in the State Channel during the week and of one boatman who jigged up a bunch of blues along the beach to the east of the inlet.

Speaking from **Edelman's** in **Farmingdale**, Frank Pristera labeled the flounder fishing as picky with a few exceptions. Joe Paradiso and Bill Biscardi have been doing a big job on the fish by using a small shallow draft boat to get over the flats and into the holes. Fishing in the vicinity of the Copaigue Hole and Four Corners, the two have been averaging 30 big flatties per trip. Big bass, big blues and still some big weaks being taken on live bunker in the back bays near Zacks Bay and near the Wantagh and Meadowbrook Bridges. Blues are also outside along the beach where jiggers

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West End REPORT
with Stu Miller

As we move deeper into the fall, we are starting to hear of the dogfish invading inshore and offshore wrecks, usually a forerunner of cod. Meanwhile big porgies and medium sea bass and blackfish are being caught on these inviting wrecks. The canyon is having superb tuna fishing as of this writing with a super duper catch had this past week by Captain Al Coley's **Betty W. IV**. Bluefishing has been excellent with jumbo fish now in residence just about all over. On the inside, flounder have been fair to good this week and continue to pick up as the water cools off. Big blues also on the inside at the bridges.

WEST END BAYS/ JONES INLET

From **Wanser's Bait and Tackle** in Seaford, Lon says the floundering in his area was fair this week, mostly at Four Corners, Black Banks and the 3rd Wantagh. Bluefish at this bridge and also the Big M as well as off the beaches on bunker or tins.

Word from **Causeway Tackle** in Wantagh is of very good blackfish catches for their customers at the 2nd Wantagh and Big M with action best on high slack with greens and fiddlers, boats averaging 10 to 25 fish. Floundering was slow with some fish picked east of the Wantagh Parkway on the north side of the bay. Fred Adlman and Gary Nelson together bagged 29 good flounder to 2 lbs. fishing Long Creek with bloods and mussel chum. Blues on the south side of the bay working on the bunker schools. Offshore wrecks holding loads of small to medium porgies which are being caught on small clam baits and tiny hooks. Bluefishing remains excellent at Cholera and off the beaches in 30 feet of water. Dogfish showing up at Cholera in force during the week.

Scott at **Merrick Tackle** in Bellmore says that mixed blues and stripers are being trolled on single tubes in 50 to 60 foot depths off the local beaches, of course, with the bass being released. Haunts Creek and the 3rd Wantagh have been producing spots for flatties in the back this week.

Randy at **Garan's Tackle** in Merrick says his customers founder flounder-ing improved this week with fish averaging 1½ lbs. at Merrick Point,

Rowboat Alley and the golf course. Corry Sneider on Tuesday bagged 20 nice flounder on the ebb using bloods and mussel chum. Super bluefishing all over and some blackfish still being caught at the bridges and wrecks. The dogfish are in on the wrecks and cod-fishermen are getting out their heavy artillery.

Out of Freeport, Captain Richie Kessinger's **Starstream II** on the trips he made this week had very decent bluefishing at Cholera both on bait and on jigs with fish going 6 to 14 lbs.

We hear from skipper Mike Dannon of the **Captain Lou Fleet** that on Monday, Tom Donahue of Rosedale had 42 flounder while John DeRosa of Valley Stream had 31. Tuesday's trip had Pat Burillo of Douglaston with 36 while on Saturday Bob Shanks had 24 flatties. A 3½ lber. was caught Sunday by Ed Kowalski with this fish weighed in at Hook, Line and Sinker Bait and Tackle. Action has all been local with best occurring at the top of the tide on outgoing on worms. On the half day trips high hooks have been in the 20s. Regular Artie had 20 on Friday's PM trip. These were all nice sized fish to 2 lbs. Mike said his new boat is due at the end of December and his usual year-end party will be pushed forward to mid-March of next year to celebrate the new boat's arrival.

Sailing from Point Lookout, we learn that the **Captain Al** all week has been catching sea bass, big blackfish and a few giant porgies plus some big blues, all in all very decent mixed bags, said the skipper. He called the fishing fair to excellent all week, missing only Thursday's sailing due to horrendous sea conditions. Al says he will be codding soon, but not before conditions are just right—so stay tuned.

The skipper of the **Miss Point Lookout II**, Captain Walter Specht asked us to let you know that the boat will not be sailing Monday, November 17th, due to a private charter.

We learn from **Ed's Fishing Station** that skiff rentals and private boats have been taking lots of blackfish at the Big M on fiddlers. Some flounder are being caught on an improved basis over last week in the back areas and the flats in particular. Also, lots of bluefish at the Big M being caught on live bunker.

Tom at **Scotty's Fishing Station** informs us that on the west bar this week loads of giant bluefish and a healthy mixture of bass have been taken on bunker both live and chunk. One angler weighed in a 53 lb. striper taken on a bunker, with the bass weighed and released unharmed. Until the present law is changed, it really pays to have a camera along. Private boats have been getting decent flounder catches in the drains and most of all, in Sea Dog Creek, while there's been good blackfishing at the Big M and Loop Bridges, fish to 4½ lbs. on fiddlers.

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blackfishing at the bridges, wrecks and jetties and of the fair flounder activity which he expects to improve greatly with a couple of cold days.

NEW YORK BIGHT

Lots of blacks and flounder on worms off the North Channel Bridge and Marine Parkway Bridge on any moving tide, said Vi of **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** in Howard Beach.

To the west in Sheepshead Bay, we learn from "Tony Fish" at **Mike's Bait and Tackle** across from the fleet of excellent bluefishing, all big fish at the Slew and 17 Fathoms days. Bait is taking 10 to 18 lbers. and jigs are taking 5 to 15 lbers. Choppers are also being jigged at the Tin Can and on the black side of Ambrose. Blackfishing has been fair at 17 Fathoms on greens. Bay floundering was classified as fair, while tuna was noted to be excellent at the canyon.

Excellent tuna fishing would be putting it mildly. Captain Al Coley's **Betty W. IV** zapped out to Hudson Canyon Tuesday and 37 fares loaded up on 232 yellowfin and bigeye tuna up to 160 lbs. This would seem to be a new record of total tuna caught on any one party boat trip. According to Al, "The volcano has exploded." Al says he will continue the tuna trips as they as they are here and biting. The boat's bluefish trips have had fabulous catches on both bait and jigs on mixed fish to 20 lbs. Al's limits on the tuna trips is 40 anglers and he says he can make the trip in as little as 4½ hours one way. Fish were on almost instantaneously as butterfish baits hit the water he said, and it never seemed to stop.

Captain Butch of the **Zephyr** noted a definite upswing in the floundering Monday through Friday. By Saturday, action was good with fares averaging 25 to 30 fish a man and by Sunday, the catches were super once again, with catches ranging from 40 to 72 fish a man with many doubles coming up. These were all good fish from 1/2 to 1¼ lbs. with best action off Floyd Bennett field. Sand worms were the preferred bait.

North Shore REPORT

with Marty Garrell

Saturday brought rain and easterlies while Sunday was a day of showers and southwest gales. Fishermen were few and far between, but those who fished caught—and caught well. Bluefish and tautog were the staples of most reports. Scup persisted and flounder were still waiting in the wings.

WESTERN SOUND

John's Gun reported bluefish off Norwalk on jigs and bait with some "unbelievable" bass action for those who were trolling for both blues and linesiders. Best tautog action was in deeper water around Execution Light. Jack Rumpf at **Jack's Bait** on City Island noted some larger tautog in 35 to 40 foot depths around Pea Island, Huckleberry Island and off Stamford. Some good catches of flounder were taken east of Center Island with fish around a pound.

Phil Nasi at the **Glen Cove Sport Shop** was still pushing bunker across the counter for those anglers fishing the harbors for big blues. Dosoris Pond had flounder and Artie Miller took some tomcod while bottom fishing as well. Poppers and swimmers were producing small bass in the area, too.

Pete Pearson of the **Klondike VIII** had steady catches of tautog from 2½ to 10 lbs. from Mamaroneck out to Norwalk in 40 to 60 feet of water. Several days last week were "massacres" with best catches of 30, but even on "fair" days, all anglers had a few fish, say 3 to 10 per person. Dom Cerbone of the **Apache** found Friday tougher than Saturday. Thursday was the best day with a real "slaughter" of tautog off the Stamford reefs. Best fishing was in 35 to 40 feet of water, and pool fish were typically 8 lbs. Saturday's sharpies managed 10 or more fish per person.

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tackle jigging and casting continues to do a bang up job on bass and blues in the local rips. His most recent trip for Dave Ribler and his son Ethan produced 50 blues to 16 pounds and 45 bass to 18 pounds on a half day trip. The bass averaged 10 to 12 pounds. All were taken on diamond jigs and white Nordic eels.

At **Huntington Prop**, Bob Cedar had plenty of news about bass and sold quite a few worms to a group of scup anglers newly arrived from New Jersey. George Valentine at **Four Winds** was busy filleting a gift of 4-5 lb. tautog from Al Mott on Saturday. The fish were taken from buoys 28C and 11B. Lloyds and Eatons were wall-to-wall with cocktail bluefish and bass for diamond merchants. Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** in Northport suggested chunking off Asharoken and figured that tautog were still the best local bet. Flounder pounders were already at work off the town dock.

Al Sturges at the **Complete Angler** weighed a pair of large weakfish only a week ago with the largest over 12 lbs. He told us that Angelo Giro had a big week on scup off the Middle Grounds and that Sturges himself had a good mix of small blues, bass, tautog and scup in a day's fishing in that area on Election Day. Ralph Davenport and friends, fishing out of **Ralph's Fishing Station** in Mount Sinai braved some rough seas and prevalent easterlies to fish the Middle Grounds on Saturday. They had 16 big scup and 14 tautog to 8 lbs. despite the miserable conditions. Then they loaded up on blues between the red buoy and the lighthouse. Davenport noted a few bass in a catch of 60 choppers to 8 lbs. on Election Day.

Talk at the **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** concerned a pick of local bass to 27 inches plus a few bluefish. Plugging was picking up, but chunking was still the method of choice.

Roy Cash of the **Port Jeff Ace** was

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fishing wrecks and deep ledges to 80 to 110 feet in the Middle Grounds zone and had ling and sea bass mixed with the scup and tautog. The best days were those with gentle winds when one good drop was sufficient for the blackfish. Off the lighthouse on the way home one could bail blues in all sizes in every rip. Best blue of the week was a 14 lb. slammer.

A small group of anglers cashed in on a load of bluefish on Sunday's trip on the **Prowler**, according to teenager Stan Aronofsky. Stan and his brother caught fourty blues apiece, mostly in the two to four pound range, with an unexpected pool winner of eleven and a half pounds jumping on Stan's diamond jig. All fishing was done close to port, anchored at Buoy 11 (an eighteen minute ride). Captain Bruce Cash returned to Port Jefferson early, with all coolers and burlap bags full. Stan and his brother Rich waited for the **Port Jeff Ace**, and, after seeing the large catch of big blackfish caught on Sunday, with many fish over eight pounds, may switch from blues to blacks next week!

NORTH FORK

Water temperatures finally dropped to around 55 degrees and tautog angling continued to improve. Larry Porter of the **Brand X** called to detail a very good Saturday off Little Gull despite the weather. The fares had a dozen fish in the 7-10 lb. class in 50 foot depths with a lot of 2-4 lb. blackfish mixed in. Even with a few hardies fishing soft baits, scup numbers were only 15 or so, a sign that the porgies are about done in that particular area.

Dave Brennan on the **Peconic Star** bucked "evil" conditions in a 35 miles SW gale on Sunday and caught well despite the horrible seas. "All who could stand at the rail caught," explained Brennan. Both sizes and numbers are good in the Gull area and the fishing is really picking up.

Richie Jensen on the **Nancy Ann** had a good day with 6 anglers from Maspeth Anglers Club on Saturday off Plum Island. The crew pulled 40 tautog to 10 lbs., and the average size of the bulldogs was around 5 lbs. Jensen has extended bookings to month's end because he feels that this is only the beginning of the best blackfishing. Jensen also notes that there are quite a few bass to 15 lbs. in the Gut for catch and release on jigs. It's not extraordinary to take 30 to 40 bass and blues per hour for a typical party.

Ace Cottral at the **Port of Egypt** liked the fishing with poppers and chunks along all beaches from Mattituck to McCabes. Ed Kopack at **Warren's Tackle Center** suggested using butterfish rather than bunker. The Izzos fished aboard the **Boanne II** on Election Day and loaded up on blues to 10 lbs. in the Gut. Pigeon and Gardiner's had fish, too.

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Maryanne Rienzi and her 17 lb. blue, caught on a bunker chunk at Cedar Beach.

bluefish and bass blitz on an "after school special" last Wednesday with the Paulaks family from Mattituck. Although the group on the **Tiderunner** fished only three hours, they caught a dozen bass, top weight thirty pounds. The first thirty bluefish were put on ice, the rest released. All fish were caught on bucktails and diamond jigs.

Captain Pete Izzo reported on good trips on the **Boanne II** this past week. Last Tuesday, a six man charter caught well over one-hundred teen size bluefish and an unusual number of striped bass, all on jigs. Those who rigged up with a white or green teaser above the jig caught double header bass to fifteen pounds. The group from Tenex Company had best results in the eastern most rip at the Gut. Saturdays group of two families enjoyed excellent blackfishing in sixty feet of water north of Plum Island. Nick Ferrar had the pool with a fish that weighed ten and a half pounds back at **Port of Egypt Fishing Station.** Trip organizer Richie Keller counted a total over fourty good size blackfish, many over seven and a half pounds. A half dozen flounder rounded off the catch. Captain Izzo will schedule charters until the end of the year, with blackfish just starting to show in impressive numbers, it promises to be a late season.

Surf REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

Most surf fishermen continue to enjoy a banner season. Many of those who put in their fair share of time have labeled it the best fall run in many a year. An amazing number of stripers continue to be taken by casters and there has been plenty of hot bluefish action to spice things up. Water temperature is still up there and it should come as no surprise that anyone who wants to stretch the season into December should be able to do so with ease. Also of note, the first solid showing of big bass took place in the Montauk surf beginning last Thursday night.

According to Johnny Kronuch at **Johnny's Tackle Shop** in **Montauk**, some big stripers moved into the north side suds at mid-week. Darters, Needlefish and Bombers accounted for some very impressive cows. Among those who connected with the fish was Farragut Striper Club member Kenny Kassan who beached and released a fish that bottomed out a 50 pound scale. This was on Friday. Also on Friday, Steve Bunai accounted for a 40 pounder on a Needlefish and added a couple of 20s as well. Dennis O'Connel worked both Friday and Saturday nights and amongst some smaller fish he had stripers in the high 30s and low 40s. Bob Lick fished several nights and accounted for a number of quality fish including a couple in the 40 pound class. Fred Mysliwiec connected with a 48 pound cow on Saturday night as did Patchogue Fishing Club member Gary Hall. Gary took his big fish on a white Gibbs Needlefish. Johnny added that Ditch Plains has been producing steady action with small bass with occasional shots of bluefish. The most dependable bluefish action has been in Turtle Cove with fish ranging from 2 to 8 pounds.

George Mandarakas has caught his share of stripers in the Montauk surf. He used this weekend to introduce Gus Skopas to the surf scene. On Thursday night, Gus beached his first surf caught fish, a 15 pound striper on a green Needlefish.

Paul Graniello at **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** also reported a shot of big stripers moving into the Moriches area on the weekend. While a number of quality fish were caught and released, none topped Ozzie VanHelmond's 55 pound cow, taken on a 6" Bomber late Friday night. Ed Greenberg managed a 34 pounder the same night while Billy Kobel settled for a couple of bass in the upper teens. On

Saturday morning Tom Coiner used a jig and red tube combo along FINS to take a 33 pound cow. Paul noted that while there was lots of bluefish action along FINS and Smith Point early in the week, the fishing slowed on Wednesday thru Saturday. Sunday however saw a return to good action on blues and bass along FINS and Smith Point. FINS was open only during the lower tide stage according to Paul. On Monday, (11/10), Paul relayed fresh reports of lots of bass in the 5 to 10 pound class taken on Needlefish at daybreak along with a few bluefish. This was at FINS.

Over at **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** Ed Kohler had just walked into the shop Monday morning as we spoke. He was freshly returned from Robert Moses Field 4 where he beached 5 blues in the 10 pound class on tins and plugs.

Bill and Billy DeRosa checked in some blues in the 10 pound class on Saturday and several more to 12 pounds on Sunday at **Peppy's Tackle Shop** in **East Islip**. According to Jim Romano, the fish were taken at Cedar Beach on bunker chunks. Also on Saturday, Robert Buckland used plugs and bait to take 12 blues and 4 bass to 15 pounds at Robert Moses Field 2.

over at **Captree Bait and Tackle** Noel Kappauf reported bluefish taken in the Robert Moses surf all day long on Saturday. Fields 2 and 4 were both well populated with casters. Sunday was a tough day but this Monday was hot again. Walter Kosmit stopped in with 12 blues up to 12.10 pounds. They were taken at R.M. #4 on tins along with one small bass. According to Walt, the best fishing was from daybreak until 7AM. Noel weighed a 13.4 pound blue taken at R.M. on Saturday by Mike Farrell.

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ers inside Fire Island Inlet this week. According to several reliable souces, several fish in the 40s along with a number of 20 and 30 pound bass were beached on plugs and bait. Among those who scored this week were our own Bill Muller with a 32 pounder and Fisherman writer Mike Campanelli with a 34 pounder.

Reports from both **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** and **Z Crab Tackle** confirmed the good bluefish action at Robert Moses and Cedar Beach this week. From the latter, Chester Shew said that both Hank Richards and Art Thompson reported doing well with the blues late in the week. Tins and bunker chunks have been the ticket.

According to Jimmy Schaefer at **Charlie's Bait and Tackle** in **Lindenhurst**, along with the blues there has been a steady pick of big bass between Fire Island and Jones Inlets. The most novel bass catch concerned Chuck Russell who was simply looking to snag some bunker in the Oak Beach Cove. After snagging a bunker and while picking out a bird's nest, a 30 pound striper decided to make a meal out of the hapless baitfish. It was Chuck's first big striper. Jimmy also had a striper report from the East End. On Monday, Perry Coffers and Dave Arlotta fished Montauk's south side near Hither Hills and plugged 15 blues including 6 in the teens and 5 bass from 12 to 30 pounds. Closer to home, 15 year old Tom Wolf worked the Cedar Bar Sunday morning and used a bunker chunk to beach an 18½ pound blue.

Dan Bosmann called to report some nice action at Robert Moses Field 4 on Friday. He managed 8 blues in the 10 pound class along with a lone school bass.

Gateway Striper Club member Joe Augieri called to report that an interclub contest between Gateway and the Mid-Island Surf Club was settled by Mid-Island's Don Palmer who beached a 19 pound bluefish. The contest took place at Robert Moses Field 4 on Saturday. Members of the Patchogue Fishing Club and Great South Bay Anglers will square off this coming weekend at Smith Point and FINS. Joe went on to report fellow club member Bill Baribault used a bunker chunk to beach a 50 pound cow at Cedar Beach on Saturday. Tony Lore worked the Breezey Point surf on Sunday morning with poppers to take a 25 pound striper and a 12 pound bluefish. Joe himself worked the Montauk surf on Saturday and reported picking bass from 3 to 18 pounds all day long between Hither Hills and Gurneys. Some blues were mixed with the bass and tins and teasers took the fish. This Monday morning he used a Rebel to take a 16 pound bass at Breezey Point.

Great South Bay Angler Club member Richie Simmons will long remember last week's trek to Rhode Island. Richie returned with his first 50 ever. The 55 pound cow was taken on a black Musso Super Strike Needlefish.

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Freshwater REPORT
with Tom Schlichter

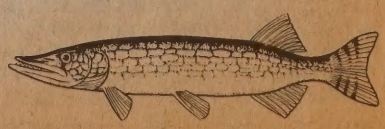
A wet and windy week did little to encourage freshwater fans to head out on local lakes and ponds. As thus, reports were difficult to come by. A few anglers did hit largemouth bass before the weekend, but the foul weather quickly brought this action to a halt. Probably, the best bet for freshwater fans are yellow perch which seem to be on quite a feeding spree in Patchogue Lake and Lake Ronkonkoma.

Fred Laager of **Edelman's Sportsman's Center**, **Farmingdale**, reported a lack of activity on the freshwater front with the exception of Mike Keneally who clicked with bass of 4.25 and 3.5 pounds over the weekend. Mike worked broken-back Rebels in the upper reaches of the Peconic River to take his fish. Although the effort was well rewarded, Mike mentioned that he did have to put in an entire day to find the fish.

At **J&R Sports Center**, **Oakdale**, Phil spoke of some decent action with tidal trout at Bubbles Falls on the Connetquot River. Most of the fish here are small, but a few keepers are being picked by the guys who put in their time. Rick K. returned to Patchogue Lake this week to again wreck havock with the resident perch population. Using worms and Rapalas, Rick strung twenty yellow perch to fifteen inches. The entire mess of panfish weighed 11.75 pounds after cleaning! Yellow perch were also taken by anglers working the east side of Lake Ronkonkoma this week. Worm baits are the best bet at this location.

Out east at the **Fisherman's Deli**, **Riverhead**, Mrs. Devlin informed us that the largemouth bass are still feeding. Thursday evening, Don Megna returned to the shop with three nice pickerel and a bass, all of which weighed between two and three pounds. Don also hit a few smaller bass. Mepps spinners did the trick. On Saturday, an angler who would not leave his name weighed in a four pound bass taken in Wildwood Lake.

Al Flexer notified us of a potential IGFA All Tackle record caught at Lake Ronkonkoma last week. Billy Cummings used an 1/16 ounce **Al Feather's Flash Jig** which attracted a four pound six ounce American Eel. The present all tackle record is one pound eight ounce.



High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . −0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." −0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	5:25	5:40	6:15	6:35	6:00	6:15	6:55	7:25	9:20	9:50	8:45	9:15	5:05	5:25	11/13
FRI.	6:05	6:20	6:55	7:15	6:40	7:00	7:35	8:05	10:05	10:35	9:30	10:00	5:45	6:10	11/14
SAT.	6:40	7:00	7:35	7:55	7:20	7:40	8:15	8:45	10:45	11:15	10:10	10:40	6:30	6:50	11/15
SUN.	7:20	7:40	8:10	8:30	8:00	8:20	8:50	9:20	11:20	11:50	10:50	11:15	7:10	7:25	11/16
MON.	7:55	8:15	8:45	9:10	8:35	8:55	9:25	9:55	11:50	—	11:25	11:55	7:50	8:10	11/17
TUES.	8:25	8:50	9:20	9:45	9:10	9:35	10:00	10:35	12:25	12:05	—	12:05	8:30	8:50	11/18
WED.	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:20	9:45	10:20	10:40	11:20	12:50	12:30	12:30	12:40	9:10	9:30	11/19
THURS.	9:40	10:15	10:40	11:05	10:25	11:10	11:20	—	1:15	1:05	1:15	1:20	9:50	10:15	11/20

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	−0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	−0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	−0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	−0 12
Seaside Park	−0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	−0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	−0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	−0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	−0 02
Rehobeth Beach	−0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Democrat Point	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42
Falkner Island	−0 13
Sachem Head	−0 10
Branford Harbor	−0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	−0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	−0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	−0 14
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point, north side	−1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	−0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	−0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	−0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	−0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28
Port Chester	−0 09
Mamaroneck	−0 08
New Rochelle	−0 24
Davids Island	−0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	−0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	−0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	−1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	−0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	−0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	−0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 11/13	6:48	4:42
FRI. 11/14	6:49	4:41
SAT. 11/15	6:50	4:40
SUN. 11/16	6:51	4:39
MON. 11/17	6:52	4:38
TUE. 11/18	6:53	4:37
WED. 11/19	6:54	4:36

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 11/13	3:15PM	3:40AM
FRI. 11/14	3:35PM	4:45AM
SAT. 11/15	4:00PM	5:50AM
SUN. 11/16	4:30PM	6:55AM
MON. 11/17	5:05PM	7:55AM
TUE. 11/18	5:45PM	9:00AM
WED. 11/19	6:35PM	9:55AM

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	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	2:10	8:10	2:20	8:30
Fri.	2:45	8:50	3:00	9:10
Sat.	3:25	9:30	3:40	9:50
Sun.	4:05	10:10	4:20	10:35
Mon.	4:50	11:00	5:10	11:30
Tues.	5:45	11:55	6:05	—
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Thurs.	7:30	1:20	8:00	1:45

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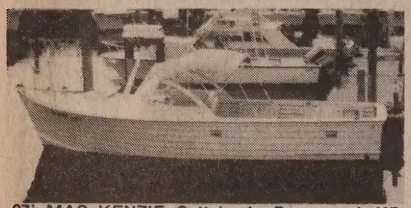

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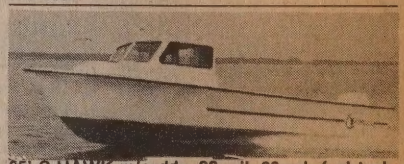

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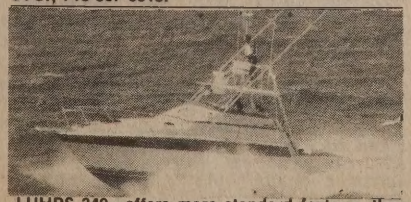

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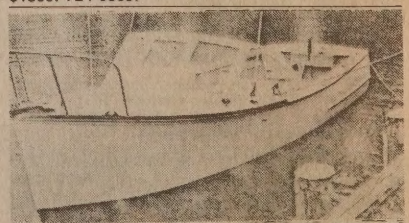

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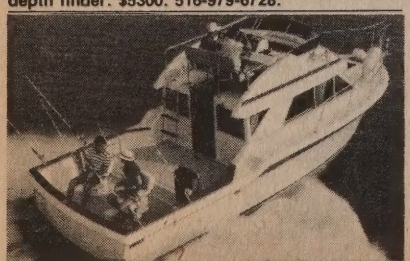

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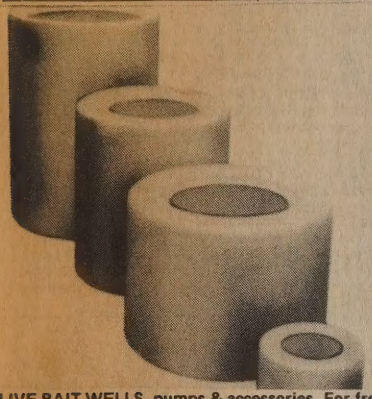

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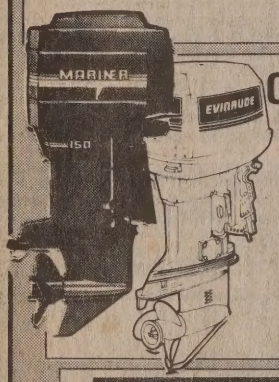

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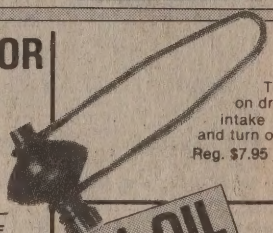

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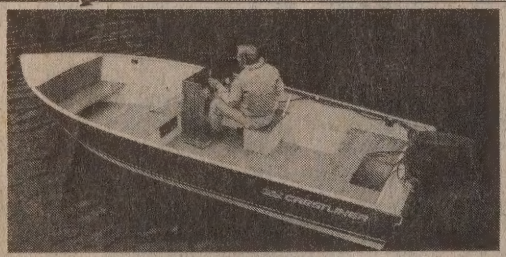

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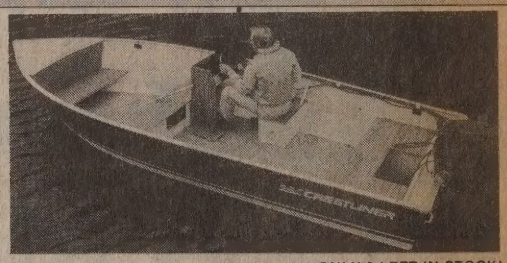

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